

Our Lincoln Letter

Lincoln, Nebr., Jan. 25—(Special Correspondence.)—Home rule has always been a cardinal principle of the democratic party. The principal is as old as the party itself, for Jefferson included it among the fundamentals. The Nebraska democracy reiterated its belief in the home rule principle in its 1907 platform, declaring for local self government in Omaha and South Omaha, the election of local assessors and placing a check on the arbitrary power of the state board of equalization.

For years the republican legislatures busied themselves to enact laws empowering republican governors to appoint fire and police boards of the two Omahas. The purpose was plain—to give the republican party, through the governor, the right to control for partisan purposes the fire and police commissions of two cities that are normally democratic. The republican city of Lincoln was always permitted to elect its own fire and police board. This was special legislation in its worst form—undemocratic, and in violation of the first principles of our government.

The democratic legislature of 1909 did its full duty by the two Omahas. It gave to those cities the rights enjoyed by other cities in the state, namely, to elect their own boards of fire and police commissioners. The party was pledged to this, and the party redeemed the pledge in letter and in spirit. Certain selfish interests sought to invoke the doctrine of home rule against all forms of regulatory legislation. The liquor interests and the railroad interests sought to invoke the home rule doctrine to prevent needed regulatory laws. But the democratic principle of home rule does not mean that the state has no right to pass general laws. It simply means that the state shall pass no laws violating the principles of home rule, or local self-government. In this the democratic party stands on solid ground. It believes in treating all cities in the state alike. It believes in equal rights to all, special privileges to none. It is opposed to sectional and special legislation.

In another way the democratic party redeemed a platform pledge when it passed the local assessor law. The republican party had deprived the people of the right to elect by enacting a law that prohibited the voters from voting for the men who actually assessed the property.

County Judge Berry informed The Herald reporter the other day that from April 11, 1904 to Jan. 1, 1910 there have been 480 marriage licenses issued in Alliance. Since Jan. 1, 1909 to Jan. 1, 1910 there were issued 107 licenses, and out of this number 41 of the ceremonies had been performed by himself.

Announcement

To the voters of the Sixth congressional district:
Gentlemen: Since the announcement of my candidacy and the publication of my platform, I have often been asked for my position on temperance legislation. I therefore make the following public announcement:

I favor prohibiting the issuance of government liquor licenses in dry territory. No one can use such license for lawful purposes, except druggists holding permits.

I favor such legislation as will remove all beverage liquor shipments from the protection of Interstate Commerce, and place them under jurisdiction of state laws at place of delivery.

While having decided opinions favorable to county option, I realize that legislation of that nature must come from the state and not the national congress.

Respectfully,
G. L. SHUMWAY,
Democratic and People's Independent candidate for nomination at the 1910 primaries.

Dated Scottsbluff, Neb., Jan. 12, 1910.

County Commissioners' Estimate of Expenses

The Board of Box Butte County Commissioners being in session at their regular meeting in January, to-wit, January 11th, 1910, made the following estimate of expenses for the year 1910, on which to base their levy for the year 1910:

County officers.....	\$ 5000.00	General Fund
Prec't and Dist. officers.....	4500.00	
Fuel.....	800.00	
Books and stationery.....	1000.00	
Elections.....	1300.00	
Incidentals.....	1700.00	
	\$14300.00	
Road and bridge fund.....	\$7000	
Pauper fund.....	1500	
Institute fund.....	200	\$7900.00
		\$23000.00

W. C. MOUNTS, Co. Clerk.

Hemingford Happenings.

Mrs. Waterman came Tuesday morning on 47.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carrell went to Alliance Tuesday.

Luke Phillips was a passenger to Alliance Saturday.

Mrs. Theo. Colvin was a passenger to Alliance Monday.

J. C. McCorkle came up from Alliance Monday on business.

John Warren and sister were passengers to Alliance Monday.

Ed Wildy returned from his business trip to Alliance Monday.

Mrs. Jno. Gromet has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Michael came Tuesday for a visit with home folks.

Jno. Mabin was a passenger to Alliance Tuesday, returning Thursday.

Ora Phillips was a passenger to Alliance Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Editor Clark was a passenger to Marsland Friday, returning Saturday.

Jacob Osborne made a business trip to Alliance Thursday, returning Friday.

Lizzie Phillips was a passenger to Alliance Saturday, returning Sunday.

We are pleased to note that James Barge is able to be up and on the streets again.

Postmaster Walker's and Ernest Kingsley's got out of quarantine the first of the week.

Mrs. James Wheelon has been very sick for the past two weeks, and is slightly improving.

Two cars of ice were put in the ice houses here the last week, the ice being shipped from Marsland.

B. E. Johnson went to Omaha with a car load of cattle Tuesday, also making it a business trip.

Gassan Sheldon came home Wednesday from Montana for a visit with home folks and relatives.

Mrs. Floyd Duff came up from Berea Wednesday to do some trading, returning on 46 in the evening.

Mina Iverson came home Saturday from Iowa where she has been attending school for the past few weeks.

Mr. White, the Knight & Campbell piano man from Deuver, was in town Monday, going from here to Marsland.

Mr. Foster, father-in-law of Will Mosher, was taken suddenly and seriously ill Monday, but is greatly improved at this writing.

Mrs. Pete Swanson was a passenger to Alliance Thursday where she spent the rest of the week with Mrs. J. T. Carey, returning Sunday.

Harry Coffman and family and Mrs. Mary Kennedy returned from Mason City, Neb., where they have been visiting for the past two weeks.

Tom Beeson came up Sunday morning on 35 to repair the switch board for the Hemingford Telephone company and returned Monday on 36.

Miss Effie Scribner came over from Hay Springs Tuesday for a visit with her friend, Miss Jeanette McIntyre, and also her two brothers, Iva and Omar. She returned to her school at Hay Springs Sunday.

Mrs. E. M. Snider, daughter Blanch, and Mrs. Swartzwelder left for Blackfoot, Idaho, where they intend making their future home. We regret their departure as they will be greatly missed by their friends and neighbors.

Hashman Notes

(Too late for last week)
Mr. Wismiller made a call on Mr. Turner's on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Leishman and wife were visitors at Mr. Skinner's last Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Skinner was a visitor at Mrs. Tallada's on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wadell made a call on Mr. Skinner's on Sunday of last week.

Miss Ethel Tallada is staying with her cousin, Mrs. Bertha Loer of Sioux county.

Leon Tallada, who has been laid up with rheumatism for some time, is on the mend now.

Mr. Royce, Ernest Nichols and Earl Tallada were visitors at the Dist. No. 17 school on Monday.

Mr. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Ross and son, Rollin, went to Sioux county some time ago to make preparations for taking their families there, where they will make their future homes.

Strange lights have been seen by several people around here. When the light is first seen it seems to be an extra large, red, round light. It gradually becomes smaller until it looks like a large, red star and sometimes going out, reappearing some other place.

No one has yet been close enough to see what it is. It sometimes appears on or near the ground or up in the air a short distance, and it has been seen on the tops of houses and barns. It seems to move quite rapidly, going sometimes three and four miles in about five minutes. This light has been seen at least five or six different nights.

TREASURER'S SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT--BOX BUTTE COUNTY

Summary of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for the Six Months Ending December 31st, 1909

COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNTS	BALANCES	AMOUNT
To Cash on hand Forwarded.....	\$7,175.94	By State Treas.' Receipt No.	\$ 1,033.94	State General Fund.....	\$ 4,330.85
To 1893 Tax Collected.....	22.04	By State Treas.' Receipt No 41,040.....	1,313.41	State University Fund.....	1,006.07
To 1894 Tax Collected.....	1.50	By Co. Gen. Warrants Redeemed.....	13,045.03	State Penitentiary Fund.....	241.61
To 1895 Tax Collected.....	1.73	By County Road Warrants Redeemed.....	2,886.17	Lease on School Land.....	1,622.50
To 1896 Tax Collected.....	4.50	By School Bonds and Coupons.....	3,216.00	Co. General Fund.....	653.29
To 1897 Tax Collected.....	28.09	By School Orders Paid--Local Tax.....	15,834.25	Co. General Fund (and Prior Years).....	180.75
To 1898 Tax Collected.....	23.00	By Poil Tax Receipts.....	19.00	Co. Road Fund.....	9.45
To 1899 Tax Collected.....	6.13	By City Receipts, Alliance.....	2,093.58	Co. Road Fund (and Prior Years).....	739.51
To 1900 Tax Collected.....	33.39	Alliance Water Bonds and Coupons.....	1,313.46	Co. Road Fund.....	577.00
To 1901 Tax Collected.....	24.05	By Treasurer's Fees.....	375.00	Advertising Fund.....	113.90
To 1902 Tax Collected.....	38.25	By Treasurer's Commission.....	1,890.14	High School.....	700.54
To 1903 Tax Collected.....	102.80	Redemption Disbursed.....	2,916.80	School Bond Fund.....	5,579.08
To 1904 Tax Collected.....	127.97	Total.....	\$1,756.76	School District Fund.....	14,644.83
To 1905 Tax Collected.....	143.37	By Balance.....	40,414.17	Building.....	48.33
To 1906 Tax Collected.....	387.79			Village Judgment Fund, school.....	6.03
To 1907 Tax Collected.....	415.89			Sinking Fund District 6.....	916.73
To 1908 Tax Collected.....	13,486.63			Sinking Fund District 18.....	176.88
To 1909 Tax Collected.....	34,305.55			Redemption Acct.....	346.68
To School-Land Lease.....	1,662.27			City Alliance.....	2,908.35
County Superintendent.....	470.00			Village of Hemingford.....	624.42
Co. Miscellaneous Col.--Co. Gen.....	180.75			Alliance Water Fund.....	1,034.50
Redemptions.....	3,200.00			Hemingford Water Bond Funds.....	438.14
To Fees.....	223.00			Alliance Sewer Bond.....	613.00
				City Hall Bond.....	2,263.23
				Alliance Elec. Light.....	.09
				Alliance Library Fund.....	306.15
Total.....	\$92,170.93	Total.....	\$92,170.93	Cash and Cash Items on Hand.....	\$40,414.17

I, Fred Mollring, County Treasurer of Box Butte County, do hereby certify that the enclosed statement is a true copy of all collections and disbursements for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1909.
FRED MOLLRING, County Treasurer.

County Commissioners' Proceedings

Alliance, Nebr., Jan. 11, 1910.
Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, all members present: Sang C. Reck, chairman; J. M. Wanek and J. P. Jensen. The following proceedings were had and done to-wit:

Moved, seconded and carried that Sang C. Reck be appointed chairman for the ensuing year.

Following are the estimates of expenses for the year 1910:

County officers.....	\$ 5,000.00
Precinct officers and District officers.....	4,500.00
Fuel.....	800.00
Books and stationery.....	1,000.00
Elections.....	1,300.00
Incidentals.....	1,700.00
	\$14,300.00
Road and bridge fund.....	\$7,000.00
Pauper fund.....	1,500.00
Institute fund.....	200.00
	\$8,700.00
	\$23,000.00

Bids for county physician were opened and examined and moved and seconded that the contract be awarded the lowest bidder for the ensuing year. Dr. H. H. Bellwood's bid of \$220 being the lowest bid, the clerk is hereby ordered to draw up contract with Dr. Bellwood for the ensuing year.

No bids being received for the burial of paupers, it is resolved that no allowance in excess of \$28.00 will be allowed for the same.

Mr. W. S. Ridgell appears before the Commissioners and resigns as Justice of the Peace in and for first ward of Alliance, Nebr., which resignation is duly accepted, and he forthwith makes application to be appointed Justice of the Peace in and for the second ward, Alliance, Nebr.; and it is moved, seconded and carried that he be appointed Justice of the Peace in and for the second ward, Alliance, Nebr., and it is so ordered.

It is the order of the Board that all claims audited and allowed after this date, are allowed subject to the delinquent taxes of claimant, and the clerk is hereby authorized to issue warrant for balance only, and credit slip for taxes.

The following official bonds were examined and approved: W. S. Ridgell for Justice of the Peace in and for second ward, Alliance, Nebr., and F. McCoy for road overseer in road district No. 9.

The following claims were then audited and allowed and the clerk ordered to draw warrants on the general fund for the same:

PARTY	AM'T OF CLAIM	AM'T ALL'ED
Con Sterkle, hauling.....	\$ 23.20	\$ 23.20
D Path, road.....	4.00	4.00
Ben Danielson, primary.....	4.00	4.00
Henry Roes, road.....	6.40	6.40
Will Roes, road.....	3.20	3.20
G J Sutton, election.....	4.00	4.00
F Swaderer, road.....	14.00	14.00
Hoffman Gen Sup House.....	6.00	6.00
E M Lammon, road.....	11.00	11.00
C W Lammon, road.....	12.00	12.00
Maggie Barry, board.....	1.50	1.50
W E Spencer, Farmers' Bd.....	46.80	46.80
Gray & Guthrie, Treas' Bd.....	180.00	180.00
Gregory Zura, fees.....	15.90	15.90
H H Bellwood, ".....	60.00	60.00
W C MOUNTS, ".....	0.00	0.00
Claims 8 and 9 rejected.....		
W H Zehrung, glass.....	2.50	2.50
O E Phillips, salary.....	136.00	120.00
T K Gilshannon, road.....	22.00	22.00
C F Zimaster, ".....	4.00	4.00
Thos Dean, ".....	4.00	4.00
G G Clark, ".....	13.00	13.00
A Rensvold, blacksmith.....	27.00	27.00
Geo McCoy, road.....	8.00	8.00
W C McCoy, ".....	4.00	4.00
Arthur Roach, ".....	3.00	3.00
O Brennan, fees.....	12.00	12.00
W C MOUNTS, ".....	10.10	10.10
L A Berry, ".....	41.10	41.10
".....	11.30	5.90
".....	38.50	12.00
O E Phillips, expense.....	11.11	11.11
W C MOUNTS, fees.....	58.00	58.00
C H Berleigh, fees.....	1.35	1.35
Wm Roth, road.....	4.00	4.00
Mrs Al Wiker, board.....	28.00	28.00
Alliance Groc, supplies.....	1.00	1.00
W C MOUNTS, cuffs.....	5.00	5.00
Herald Pub Co, printing.....	168.10	168.10
S C Reck, services.....	9.20	9.20
J P Jensen, ".....	19.80	19.80
J M Wanek, ".....	16.40	16.40
		\$961.04

Whereupon the Board adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

W. C. MOUNTS, clerk.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Nebraska, in and for Box Butte county.

In the matter of the application of J. F. Keane, Guardian of the person and estate of William J. Keane, a minor, for permission to sell real estate.

Upon reading and filing the petition, duly verified of J. F. Keane, guardian of the person and estate of William J. Keane, a minor, for permission to sell the following described real estate, situated in the counties of Richardson and Box Butte, Nebraska, the land in Richardson county, being described as Lot numbered Three, or North East Quarter of North West Quarter of Section Three, and the South West Quarter of the South East Quarter, of Township Three, Range Sixteen, Richardson county, Nebraska; the land lying in Box Butte county, being the South East Quarter of Section Eighteen, in township Twenty Eight, Range Fifty.

Said petition asks that said lands may be sold and the proceeds invested in other ways for the reason that the looking after the said lands and collection of the rents therefrom is attended with such expense as to make the land unprofitable for said minor, said lands being situated at so great a distance apart that some person must be employed to look after the same, which would be the expense of attending to the collection of rents and looking after said lands very great.

It is therefore ordered that the next of kin of the said minor, and all persons interested in said estate appear before me at chambers at the city of Rushville, Sheridan county, Nebraska, at the Court house therein, at 9 o'clock A. M. on the 27th day of February, 1910 to show cause if any there be why a license should not be granted to said guardian to sell said lands as prayed for the purpose named in the petition. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be personally served on all persons interested in the same, at least fourteen days prior to the date of hearing, and published once each week for three consecutive weeks in the Alliance Herald, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in Box Butte county, Nebraska.

Dated at chambers in said Sheridan county, Nebraska, this 20th day of January, 1910.

W. H. WESTROBY, Judge of the District Court of Box Butte county, Nebraska.
fp Jan 27-7-31

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To the Hon. District Court:
Your petitioner, J. F. Keane, respectfully represents unto the Court, that he is the duly appointed and qualified Guardian of the person and estate of William J. Keane, a minor, who is of the age of 18 years and a resident of in the State of Wyoming.

Said minor is the owner of an undivided one ninth interest in lands situated in the counties of Richardson and Box Butte in the State of Nebraska, as follows: the lands in Richardson county, being more particularly as Lot numbered three, or the North East Quarter of the North West Quarter of Section Three, and the South West Quarter of the South East Quarter, of Township Three, Range Sixteen, Richardson county, Nebraska; the land situated in Box Butte county, being the South East Quarter of Section Eighteen, Township Twenty Eight, Range Fifty, (S.E. 1/4, Sec. 18, T. 28, R. 50).

That said real estate is owned by said minor jointly with Sarah E. Huston, Mussette B. Ball, Bessie W. Keane, Robert G. Keane, Winfield V. Keane, John F. Keane, Prentiss L. Keane, Sheridan H. Keane.

That the other owners of the eight ninths interest in said lands are desirous of selling the same, the land in Richardson county being at such a distance that it is handled and controlled only at great expense and inconvenience to all the parties concerned, and really at a loss to the owners. That it will be the much better advantage of all the owners of the said land that the same be sold and the proceeds divided between the owners thereof. That in fact the other eight owners of the land in Richardson county have sold the same or their interests therein, thus leaving the one ninth interest owned by this minor, and the balance owned by a stranger, that it will be for the best interest of this minor, that all of said land be sold, the proceeds divided, and the funds owned by his ward be otherwise invested, for the reason that the looking after said lands, they being so widely separated is attended with great expense to this minor, so much so that the proceeds from the sale of said lands, if sold and receipts therefrom are great expense and loss, and that if the lands were sold and proceeds invested in a different way the receipts therefrom will be much greater and to the better advantage financially of his ward.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that a license may be granted him to sell said real estate, or so much thereof as may be to the advantage of his ward, with such other relief as may be equitable.

J. F. KEANE, Guardian.
L. A. BERRY, his Atty.
Box Butte county, ss

I, L. A. Berry, being duly sworn, says that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in foregoing petition. That J. F. Keane, the Guardian, is not accountable being out of the county, that the statements in said petition are true as he verily believes.

L. A. BERRY,
Subscribed and sworn before me this 15th day of January, 1910.
A. F. BALDRIDGE,
Notary Public.

Street Commissioner's Notice

Notice to all property owners, agents and lessees: Snow, ice and slush, or any other obstruction, must be removed within 24 hours after accumulation, according to ordinance No. 33, or the same will be removed by the city at owner's expense.

J. H. CARLSON, Street Com.

Steam Outfit for Sale.

For sale—The best steam outfit in Cheyenne county, consisting of one new Cate separator, one steam (32 h p.) engine and eleven four-inch pipes. Address
W. H. WESTROBY,
DORR GRISWOLD, Dalton, Neb.

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