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MANY ARTICLES OMITTED

We are sorry that we must apologize to our readers this week but on account of lack of space we are compelled to omit until next week more than a page of interesting articles which have been put into type but for which we cannot find space. This week we are publishing twenty-four pages, as you will note, packed full of interesting ads and reading matter. Among the articles which we are compelled to omit are: our railroad department, an interesting article on the Republican lecture Monday evening at the opera house, an interesting football article, as well as a bunch of smaller articles of local interest. Few "country papers"

find it necessary to run more than eight pages but we could easily have filled twenty-eight this week instead of only twenty-four had we the time to do so. Watch The Alliance Herald next week. It will contain an interesting write-up of the Democratic candidates for office, the complete sample ballot for election—The Herald's job department is printing the official ballots for Box Butte county, and the same form will be printed in the paper, together with much more interesting matter. We are sorry that we must apologize to many of our friends who have so kindly furnished us with news items which are omitted.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY FARMER ANSWERS REPUBLICAN LETTER

Philip Zobel, of Alliance, Publishes Open Letter in Answer to One Written to Him by the Republican County Central Committee

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

422 Box Butte Avenue
M. S. HARGRAVES, Chairman
F. M. KNIGHT, Treasurer
W. R. METZ, Secretary

Alliance, Nebraska, Oct. 18, 1916.

Mr. Philip Zobel,
Alliance, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

We take pleasure in sending you a reprint of an interview recently given out by the National President of the Farmers' Association, showing the attitude of farmers throughout the country toward the so-called Eight-Hour Law passed by the Democratic Congress.

We hope that you will look this over carefully and we believe that if you do so the complete disregard of the interests of the farmers of the country by the present administration will be apparent.

By a vote for Hughes and Fairbanks you will do your part to bring about protection against increased freight rates and against ruinous foreign competition.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
By W. R. Metz, Secretary.

THE ANSWER TO THE ABOVE LETTER

Alliance, Nebraska, October 23, 1916.

Republican County Central Committee,
Alliance, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I take great pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your form letter of October 18th because it gives me an opportunity to publicly state a few of my reasons for being opposed to Hughes and Fairbanks and why I expect to vote for Wilson and Marshall. I am answering your letter through the columns of The Alliance Herald because it will give the people of western Nebraska an opportunity to know how one of the "old-timers" of Box Butte county feels regarding the attempt of your party to turn the farmers against the administration, because it will show the railroad men of Box Butte county how the county central committee is campaigning, and because I feel that your letter and my answer should have the widest possible publicity.

The "National President of the Farmers' Association", from the information which I can secure, from reliable sources, is but the political spokesman for a political organization which cannot and which does not represent even a small fraction of the farmers throughout the country. Your attempts to fool the farmers of the United States in this way will not get far, for the farmers of this country know when they are being given the square deal.

You refer in particular to the eight-hour law. If the law to which you refer is a bad thing for the country, why did your twenty-eight Republican senators not make an attempt to stop the passage of the law, which they could have easily done, instead of voting for it themselves? Why did your large number of Republican representatives vote in favor of this law instead of against it? Why does Candidate Hughes not say what he would have done had he been in President Wilson's place?

Referring to the increase in freight rates which you promise us farmers—as the result of the eight-hour law. Why cannot the railroads of the United States, who are piling up millions of dollars month after month in profits and whose profits under a Democratic administration are so enormous, pay this increase in wages from these millions? Why will not this result in the railroads getting our products to market quicker and setting the manufactured articles to us in shorter time, as well as in getting our cattle and other stock to market in better shape because of traveling faster? Tell me, if you can, why the president of the Union Pacific railroad, as well as other prominent railroad officials, has approved this eight-hour law.

I came to Nebraska thirty years ago and have farmed ever since that time. I moved to western Nebraska in 1893 and have been a resident here as a farmer since that time, living at the present time on my farm near Alliance. I have seen the ups and downs of a new country such as this and know the feelings of the farmers. I know that never before, under Republican administration, have they been as prosperous and contented as they are at this time. I know that never before have they received as much for potatoes, wheat, rye, oats, or other products of the farm; that their cattle, hogs and horses are worth more money than ever before. I know that the people of Box Butte county and especially the farmers of the county, are with me when I state that they are prosperous and contented under Democratic administration.

You speak of "the complete disregard of the interests of the farmers" by the present administration. Tell me, if you can, why the Republican administrations did not, during their long stay in power, give us the Federal Farm Loan Banks. Why were the potato growers of western Nebraska left at the mercy of the speculators until they were given the potato bulletin service by the Democratic administration, which has saved thousands upon thousands of dollars to the growers of this section of the state by telling them what their potatoes were selling for on the markets.

Again, I ask you to tell me why the Republicans did not give us a law like the new Federal Good Roads Law, approved by the president last July, which will be of almost inestimable benefit to the farmers of the United States. Why did not the Republicans give us a law like the Grain Standards act which gives the secretary of agriculture authority to establish official grain standards, simplifying relations between grain producers, dealers and consumers. Why did not the Republicans give us the development of the parcel post which has been of immense benefit to the farmers. Why did not previous administrations do as the Wilson administration has done—placed the surplus funds of the United States Treasury directly into the hands of the south and west, at crop moving periods, to aid the crop movement, instead of placing these much needed funds in the New York banks.

Gentlemen of the Republican County Central Committee, I wish to call your attention to the fact that the Republican party, in its hope of finding some issue on which to return to power, was driven to the necessity of denouncing its own platform, adopted at Chicago. They declared that "we favor an effective system of rural credits as opposed to the ineffective law proposed by the present Democratic administration." By this declaration they charged practically every Republican in the senate and house with having voted for an ineffective rural credit law, which passed both the senate and house. In the senate the vote was 57 to 5, in the house 295 to 10.

I wish to advise you, gentlemen, that when the votes of the farmers of Box Butte county are counted on the evening of November 7, you will be surprised at the returns in favor of the Wilson administration.

Respectfully and Democratically yours,
(Signed) PHILIP ZOBEL.

Miss Clentha Beardon was delightfully surprised Monday evening by seven of her girl friends, the event being in honor of her fifteenth birthday. The party attended a show and afterward went to the Beardon home, where refreshments were served. The following were in attendance: Doris Harber, Agnes Newberry, Alice Hamilton, Sarah O'Keefe, Margaret Stevens and Catherine Buechsenstein.

Mrs. F. W. Harris and Mrs. C. E. Marks entertained Monday evening at a 7 o'clock dinner at the Harris home on Laramie avenue, complimentary to Miss Grace Fickel, whose engagement to Mr. Frank Herron of Deadwood, S. D., was recently announced. The affair was in the nature of a surprise shower for Miss Fickel. The house was beautifully decorated in pink and white and at each plate at the table was a doll dressed as a cupid, while at Miss Fickel's place was a brunett doll dressed in pink illusion, as a bride. The place cards were pink hearts. The center piece was a huge bouquet of pink roses. At a large round table the eighteen guests were seated. A delicious five-course dinner was served.

Immediately after the dinner each guest went to the den, which was fixed up as a post office, secured a package and brought it to Miss Fickel, who was seated upon a high seat. Upon presenting her package each performed some original stunt. When the bride-to-be opened each package she formed rhyme using the name of the kind of article found in each package. Those present were Mesdames Hargraves, Cotant, Tillet, Hall, Holden, Hampton, Tully, Cogswell, Kridelbaugh, Andrews, Bogue, Weidenhamer, Hively, Rumer, Gavin and the Misses Fickel and Mary Regan.

The Hyannis Tribune of last week recites the following: "As prearranged, Edna M. Shaw, of Alliance, and Sinney H. Mason, of Grand Island, met in Hyannis Monday of this week, the 16th day of October, and together they went to the court house and met Judge McCawley and to him explained in few words that they believed two could live together at much less cost than separately, and if he would get busy with his widely-known ceremony they would attempt to demonstrate to the world that they believe correctly. Needless to say, the judge proceeded in the discharge of his official duty and soon two hearts went pit-pat, all the same as one."

The Social Helpers Club of Bingham were entertained by the Social Helpers Club of Alliance at the home of Mrs. M. J. Comas, Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. Their object in getting together was to sew for the St. Joseph's hospital, and finished 277 garments. The ladies were entertained Friday evening by the Commercial Club at a theatre party, and on Saturday evening the Haddorff Music House entertained them at a musicale in their parlors on Box Butte avenue, Sunday morning. Mother Rasmussen of the hospital entertained them for about an hour. The guests from Bingham were: Mesdames R. R. Kincaid, Ellis Kincaid, A. J. Applegarth, W. J. Willey, G. W. Beck, Hazel Conners and W. H. Keister of Superior, Wis. The Alliance ladies who helped were Mesdames J. B. Hunsicker, Altwater, W. M. Jones, Walkin, R. L. Yarbrough, J. A. Fallor, and J. M. Comas.

Mrs. H. J. Comas and Miss Hazel Feeney were soliciting at Ashby, Bingham and Ellsworth several days last week for the benefit of St. Joseph's hospital. Mrs. Comas reported that they were very nicely treated and that they secured a nice amount of cash together with vegetables and other things to be used in connection with the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sheldon, Box Butte county pioneers, who for years lived a short distance west of Hemingford, celebrated the anniversary of their golden wedding at the home of their son, Joel Sheldon, at Marple, Wednesday, October 18. During the last number of years Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have been enjoying the profits of years of toil and they choose spending their time where and with whom they like. Two years ago they visited their three sons here and in the summer of last year visited a daughter at her ranch in eastern Oregon. This year they again visited their sons here and their delightful home in sunny California. Relatives and friends who were invited to help the Sheldons celebrate their golden anniversary received invitations printed in gold which read as follows: "1866-1916. The Sheldon family request the pleasure of your presence at the golden wedding reception of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sheldon, October 18, 1916 at the home of their son, Joel Sheldon, Marple, Nebr., 10 a. m. to 4 p. m."

In spite of bad weather there was a large attendance at this unusual event and all will long remember the occasion and their visit with these good people. A sumptuous wedding feast of large roasted turkeys, a multitude of eatables, fruits and a beautiful array of flowers decorated the two long tables at which the guests broke bread with Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon. While the guests partook of the feast Miss Ruth Nation rendered several piano solos. Mr. Sheldon was too filled with the pleasure of the day to respond to a talk and so called upon Keith Pierce to express the pleasure of Mrs. Sheldon and himself for the beautiful gifts and for the companionship of the assembled guests. Those in attendance were: Jason Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Morley of St. Paul, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Price, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Keister, Mr. and Mrs. Iodenee,

JOHN C. MARTIN

FOR

Supreme Judge

From The Grand Island Independent:

John C. Martin for Supreme Judge

"The announcement that Attorney John C. Martin of Central City, a prominent member of the Merrick county bar, has entered the race for judge of the supreme court is meeting with a response throughout the state that tends to strengthen daily the confidence of his many friends deeply interested in his selection for this high office. Mr. Martin is well known in Nebraska, having for many years been engaged in a practice that has served to identify him as an exceptional man. He has never been classified as an office seeker, his devotion to his work commanding his concentrated effort, and his present entry may well be termed compulsory on the part of those who believe he is the man for the place. Naturally endowed with the qualities of a leader, he has taken an active interest in all local, state and national questions, with the result that the people of Merrick county find deep gratification in the knowledge his competency is recognized throughout the state as well as at home. Fifty-six years of age, he has acquired that efficiency that comes only with a life of active practice, and yet he retains that vitality essential to the full performance of the duties of the high office to which he aspires."—Grand Island Independent.

Mr. and Mrs. Manion, Mr. and Mrs. J. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Neelson, Mrs. Vermillion, John and Josie Manion, Wm. Hammond, Archibald Davig, Miss Amanda Osnes, and Miss Ruth Nation.

Mrs. M. E. Grebe was hostess Thursday evening to some thirty guests at a delightful 6:30 o'clock hallowe'en luncheon. Witches, ghosts and other hallowe'en bugaboos gave weird performances. Black cats, harvest moons, etc., used in the

decorations, helped materially to carry out the general idea. Chrysanthemums, the large yellow kind, were used in numbers and proved a most effective decoration.

The four-course dinner served the guests was elaborate to say the least. The black and yellow idea was carried out through the entire menu. The Misses Edna Donovan, Helen Schott and Marian Grebe assisted the hostess in serving. Cards were a part of the evening's entertainment. Mrs. J. E. Hughes won

the first prize. Mrs. F. W. Lester cut for the free-for-all prize and won. The guest list included the following: Mesdames Wilson Hershman, Gavin, Hughes, Mitchell, Watkins, Kennedy, Gantz, Was, Howard Reddish, Show, Robert Reddish, Maxwell, Claude Lester, F. W. Lester, Hargraves, Lloyd Johnson, Shaw, M. E. Johnson, W. E. Spencer, Lee Basye, A. E. Nelson, Mahaffy, Doyle, Pate, Fred Feagins, Armour, Earl Mallory, Marvin, Sturgeon, Schuck, E. Boyer, F. Reeder and Claude Vaughan.

Business and Booze

They don't mix---to the interest of the business

We quote below an editorial recently appearing in the Manufacturer's Journal, a conservative organ, devoted to the upbuilding of industrial life, and, therefore, interested in efficiency of the workers,

We are absolutely, totally, and in every way possible, opposed to the whisky industry, not only because of its immoral influence, but from the economic standpoint. It is a curse to the country of such gigantic proportions that the sooner it is blotted out, the better it will be for mankind. The billions of dollars that are annually spent in this country constitute one of the most fearful curses ever brought upon the land, and every dollar thus expended is an economic waste and a drain upon the physical, mental, moral and financial stamina of the country. Moreover, the alliance of the saloon interests with the politics of the country is another curse, and to this influence is due much of the rottenness in American politics. Whisky and the saloon business are an unspeakable curse, without one single, solitary redeeming quality."

There is just one way to get rid of the curse in the State of Nebraska:

VOTE "YES" TO THE DRY AMENDMENT

If prohibition is not adopted this fall, there will be a constant state of unrest in this state until it IS adopted.

This will be the political subject uppermost in the minds of the people until it is settled.

VOTE NEBRASKA DRY.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY DRY FEDERATION