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THE STOCKGROWERS' MEETING.

In Point Of Numbers The Largest Gathering Ever Held In The State.

The gathering in Alliance, last Tuesday, of the stockgrowers of Nebraska marked the largest of its kind, in point of numbers, ever held in the state, and the intense earnestness manifested demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that the members of the association were keenly alive to the requirements of the great industry in which they are engaged.

It was absolutely impossible for the editor of the HERALD to be present at the meeting, on account of the manifold mechanical duties incident to the preparation of the first issue of the paper in Alliance, and he is indebted to Judge L. A. Berry, the World-Herald correspondent, for a copy of his report to that paper, which will be found full and complete, and which is herewith appended:

The meeting of the Nebraska Stockgrowers association, called for February 18, was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. in the opera house at this place by its president, S. P. Delator, who, in a brief address, stated to the meeting the reason for its being called at this time, the address being preceded by an invocation by Rev. Mr. Clark, of the Episcopal church, and two selections of vocal music.

The meeting was held for the purpose of agreeing upon some action to be taken by the association in regard to the public land, which is being used by ranch owners as a range for their stock.

It was the opinion of all present that some means must be devised by which the public land in this vicinity, which is utterly worthless for any purpose except raising stock, may be controlled by the ranch owner, and which shall be equally fair to both the small rancher and the large one.

It was shown that the idea is prevalent that an attempt is being made by those owning large quantities of stock, to so manipulate federal legislation that the small owner will simply have to quit the business or be ruined by means of the proposed bill now pending in congress, known as the lease bill, or the bill for the leasing of the public lands.

The matter was discussed at some length by Bartlett Richards, perhaps the largest owner of cattle present; H. H. Robinson and C. F. Martin, of Denver; Mr. Allen, of Ames, and several others, who agreed that some measure which would accomplish the desired result was an urgent necessity.

The idea that the leasing of these lands will so dispose of the public lands that honest homesteaders in the east can not come to this section and file on 160 acres of land and make of it a home for himself and family, and in a few years the most, place his family in affluent circumstances from the products of this land, is the rankest nonsense as many a man, who has tried the experiment can testify, for this reason there should be some way by which this land can be obtained and controlled.

Another question in which all were deeply interested, and which was freely discussed, is the fence question. This is of the greatest importance to the stockman. Government Inspector W. R. Lesser was present and informed the meeting that orders have been issued by the land department, that all fences on government land must come down forthwith. Of course it is conceded that a fence on the land of the government is strictly forbidden by law, still the removal of the fences is a danger much more grave in its character to the small owner than that of the lease bill. The large owner of stock is in a financial way able to employ riders and thus keep track of his stock while the small owner is generally just trying to get a start in the business, and has his stock mortgaged, and cannot look after them because he is not able to employ the necessary assistance. When his mortgage becomes due, he will not be able to obtain an extension for the reason that the lender will know that the security can not be properly looked after, and he simply has to close up shop and go out of business. This means, simply, that practically all of the small ranches will have to go out of business, the absolute financial ruin of the owners, and the greatest local financial panic ever seen in western Nebraska. This must be avoided, if possible, and some means must be devised to avoid this condition.

Prof. Peters, gave an address on prevention of diseases in stock and valuable information in treatment of itch, mange and the killing of lice on the stock.

The meeting was called for 2 o'clock p. m. but this fact was overlooked and the meeting called to order at 10 a. m. Most of the business was done during the morning session, and several who did not arrive in town till afternoon, felt that a wrong had been done them in having the business done when they arrived.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.—This is a special meeting called for the purpose of giving our members an opportunity of discussing proposed legislation

regarding matters in which we are all directly interested.

"Two questions will claim our particular attention; one is the possibility of the government ordering the removal of fences enclosing public lands. The other subject for consideration is the expediency of urging congress to enact laws regulating the dispositions of the public lands, as will be for the lasting benefit of our industry.

"These are questions that affect the welfare of the whole state, and particularly interest us who live in the western part of the state.

"Every person living in the western part of the state, even if they are not actively engaged in the stock business, is directly, or indirectly, interested in having the live stock business conducted in a successful and businesslike manner.

"Few persons, even those living here, and personally engaged in the business, realize how large a share of the wealth of our state is invested in cattle alone. I will give you a few figures for your consideration.

"In those counties composing the Alliance and Sidney land districts there are 6,146,200 acres of deeded land, valued at \$9,219,300. Within the same territory there are 344,326 head of cattle, valued at \$8,373,350. The above figures show that capital amounting to \$17,792,650 is invested in cattle and cattle ranches in the above named districts. These two land districts compose about one-third of the range country of Nebraska.

"The total value of the cattle and ranch property in that portion of our state where cattle raising is the main industry, does not amount to less than six millions of dollars.

"Legislation which affects such large interests, especially, as in this case, it is not owned or controlled by one individual, or by corporations, but is distributed over a large territory and in the hands of a large number of persons actively engaged in business, should be well considered, and should be passed for the best interests of the greater number.

"Our senators and representatives are sent to Washington to transact business for the public, and it is our duty to let them know what we desire, and advise them how proposed legislation will effect our interests.

"We are here for that purpose today, and we would let our discussion of these matters be fair and deliberate, and we should try and reach a conclusion in which most, if not all, can heartily concur. It is unfortunate for us that the situation and conditions that exist in the range country are so poorly understood.

"Even in the eastern part of our own state, and in the editorial rooms of our leading newspapers, the conditions under which the cattle business is conducted seem to be utterly unknown."

The following preamble and resolutions were enthusiastically adopted:

WHEREAS, That portion of Nebraska, west of the 100th Meridian and known as the Sand Hills, is adapted to stock raising only, and is fit for no other purpose, and which section at this time is almost wholly engaged in said industry, and

WHEREAS, The success of the stockgrowers in said section depends largely on the maintenance of pastures which have been fenced, at enormous expense, and

WHEREAS, It is now imminent, that the Government intends the removal of all fences from the public domain.

Now, therefore, we the members of the Nebraska Stockgrowers' association, in convention now assembled, do most emphatically petition Theodore Roosevelt, the president of the United States, to immediately stay further proceedings in the Interior department which are now, or may be, directed toward the removal of fences from the public domain, until we have time to pass appropriate legislation pertaining to the disposal of the lands of this section.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that in view of the probable removal of fences on government domain, we are in favor of the leasing of the public lands in such a manner, and under such restrictions, as will protect the small stockgrower, as well as the larger owner.

Resolved, That we duly appreciate the efforts our senators and congressmen have made in behalf of our industry, in their support of such measures as are intended to benefit the stock business, covering the west half of the state of Nebraska. That we bespeak their continued assistance, until proper legislation passes the halls of congress.

Considering the fact that more than fifty millions of dollars are invested in ranches and cattle in the western half of the state of Nebraska, which industry may account, not only for the prosperity but possibly the existence of the packing plants of South Omaha.

Resolved, That we, the Nebraska Stockgrowers association, view with amazement the action of the Commercial Club of the city of Omaha in passing a resolution against the lease bill originated for the benefit of our industry, especially when said bill has not been read by the members of said Commercial Club.

WHEREAS, There is now pending in congress a bill to compel manufacturers to so label manufactured goods, that buyers of alleged woolen fabrics may know what per cent. of said fabrics is wool and what per cent. is shoddy, or other material, and

WHEREAS, The consumer is entitled to know to a certainty that the article he is purchasing is composed of the material represented and should not be forced to pay all wool prices for shoddy goods, and

WHEREAS, The proposed law would work no hardship upon any one, by forcing

manufacturers and merchants to deal honestly with the public, thus protecting both the purchaser and the consumer, but it would effectually put an end to a practice altogether too common in this country of selling shoddy cloth as pure wool, therefore,

Resolved, That the Nebraska Stockgrowers association, in convention assembled, heartily endorse the Grosvenor Pure Fibre bill, otherwise known as H. R. 6955, and call upon the members of both the senate and house to work and vote for the passage of this measure. Be it further

Resolved, That the secretary of this association is instructed to send certified copies of this resolution to the house committee of Ways and Means, and also to the members of the senate and house from Nebraska.

Resolved, That the president appoint one man in each county, when so requested by a member of the association, to see that the state brand and hide law be enforced.

WHEREAS, The live stock industry, representing more than double the capital invested in any other industries of the United States, is vitally interested in securing an annual classified census of live stock, which in addition to its necessity will simply be the same consideration shown it by Congress, as is now given to other branches of the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, A bill making census bureau permanent has already passed the House and is now before the Senate committee on Census, therefore,

Resolved, That the Nebraska Stock Association, hereby call upon the members of the Senate to vote for the passage of this bill, and upon the Senate Committee, to incorporate in the proposed law a clause providing for a live stock census, as has been done with cotton; and further,

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Association be instructed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Senate Committee on Census, and members of Congress from Nebraska, and also that every member of this Association be requested to write these Congressmen, and Senators, requesting them to work and vote in favor of the bill hereby referred to.

FALSE, PURE AND SIMPLE.

The Herald is Not After The Goose That Laid The Golden Egg.

The story which has been industriously circulated to the effect that the express purpose of the HERALD's coming to Alliance was to make war on the B. & M. railroad company, is a pernicious falsehood. The HERALD came to Alliance because there was a field here for it. The proprietor is a practical printer, he has chosen journalism for a life avocation, and he felt that he had as fair a right to pitch his tent in the growing, pushing town of Alliance as any man on earth. He hasn't come here to make war on the railroad company, as such, or any man connected with it. He came to conduct a newspaper business; to aid, with his means and through the columns of the HERALD, in building up the material and industrial interests of the city which he has chosen for his home. The B. & M. railroad company has made Alliance what it is, and the HERALD hasn't the remotest idea of antagonizing so powerful a factor in the upbuilding of the city. The story is evidently the creation of some venomous, malicious, narrow-minded, jealous-hearted individual who foolishly imagined that by such means he could arouse an animosity among the business men of this city against the HERALD that would be fatal to its success. The advertising columns of this issue of the paper demonstrate how egregiously he blundered.

SAD CASE OF INSANITY.

Patrick Collins, an Old and Respected Citizen, Goes Insane.

Patrick Collins, an old and respected citizen of Box Butte county, who resided some twelve miles north of Alliance, was examined Wednesday by the insanity board and pronounced insane. Application has been made to the proper authorities for his retention in the insane asylum at Lincoln.

At present the unfortunate man is being held in custody of Sheriff Reed, until such time as he can be received at the asylum. The immediate cause of Mr. Collins said condition is understood to be brooding over an effort of others to contest the right of his brother to a quarter section of land which he and his brother were using jointly, and which, if they were deprived of would decrease the worth and value of their range very materially.

LATER.—Sheriff Reed, accompanied by the demented man, left yesterday evening for Lincoln, in response to a telegram that room could be made for his charge at the asylum.

The amount realized at the land sale, Tuesday, was \$3,989.28, and the number of quarter sections sold was 28. But four of the quarter sections advertised for sale remain unsold. The following named parties were the purchasers: C. A. Posvar, G. W. Eshner, F. Russell, Wm. Roth, E. Vaughn, B. F. Moore, W. H. Jewett, C. H. Britton, C. Klemke, John O'Keefe, C. J. Wildy, John Mehrkens, Elie A. Wells, E. S. Wildy, Arthur Bass, B. F. Gilman, G. Van Boskir, Mrs. E. Brown, B. F. Pitman, Chadron, McKinley-Lanning Loan and Trust Co., Equitable Land Co.

James Burns, stock solicitor for Buchanan Bros., and W. B. Tagg, who represents McClelland-Love Co., came in from the east to attend the stockgrowers' meeting this week.

The Fair Store.

It gives bargains in everything. Call and examine goods and prices.

D. W. BUTLER, Proprietor.

Smoke No. 5 cigar.

W. A. Hood, of Liberty, is in town today.

C. H. Tully was up from Lakeside Monday.

W. W. Norton will leave today for Chicago.

When you wish to talk to the HERALD, call up phone 340.

Miss Della Reed spent Sunday with her parents in this city.

C. T. Davison, of Hemingford, sojourned in Alliance last night.

Fred Beaman, of Crawford, was an Alliance visitor, yesterday.

Joe Kaper, of Lawn, transacted business in Alliance last Thursday.

E. Mabin, of Hemingford, spent a couple days in Alliance this week.

Father Flanagan, of Broken Bow, is in the city, the guest of Father Galvin.

Editor A. B. Wood, of the Gering Courier, was in the city Tuesday night.

Attorney H. L. Merriam, of Scottsbluff, spent a couple of days in Alliance this week.

The copy for four advertisements was received too late for this issue. They will appear next week.

F. B. Langworthy, a prominent stockman of Sioux county, was in attendance at the stockmen's meeting.

Mrs. D. J. O'Keefe, of Hemingford, visited her mother, Mrs. P. Elmore of this city, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bignell and little son were the guests of C. A. Newberry and family Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Ladies' Catholic club met with Mrs. McKinney, Wednesday. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Dwyer.

W. C. Cavin, the portly and affable collector for "Mrs. McCormick," came in from Crawford, yesterday, and is registered at the Charters.

Dr. W. A. Thomas, state veterinarian, was present at the stockmen's meeting held in Alliance this week. His address was well received.

Mrs. Regan and daughter, Miss Mid Regan, started last evening for Chicago, to select spring goods. They will be gone about two weeks.

County Judge Spacht issued a marriage license yesterday to Gottlieb Scilder and Amelia Kroessing. They reside several miles northeast of Alliance.

Rev. J. A. Scamahorn will preach at the M. E. church Sunday, Feb. 23. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at the morning service.

Mrs. Geo. W. Young returned Sunday morning from Lincoln where she has been in St. Elizabeth's hospital for six weeks. Those in charge of the hospital say she underwent the most difficult operation ever performed in the hospital.

H. B. Austin passed through Alliance this morning enroute to Sheridan, Wyo., where he now resides and is prospering in business. Mr. Austin formerly resided in Hemingford where he conducted a bank for several years.

Mrs. E. C. Stewart, formerly Miss Susie Sweeney, returned to her home at Toluca, Mont., Tuesday, after a ten days visit with Mayor Sweeney and family. She was accompanied by Mrs. Sweeney, who will be her guest for several days.

At St. Matthew's Episcopal church next Sunday: Morning service, 11; sermon, "The Other Sheep." Evening, 7:30, "Misty Old Books" vs. "Go as you Please." Friday night 7:30, Penitential Office and Address. Third, Comment at the Cross. Despair.

County Clerk Smyser has received notice from Judge Westover stating that a special term of court will be held in Alliance, Feb. 27.—next Thursday—for trying equity cases and transacting such other business as may be properly disposed of without the intervention of a jury.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Manchester returned home Wednesday morning from an extended visit to Illinois, Indiana, and Lincoln Neb. Mr. Manchester was one of the auditors of the Burlington relief board that met in Chicago the first of the month. Both report a pleasant visit to friends.

Mrs. Clarence M. Smith has been notified that a patent has been allowed her for an attachment to a sewing machine. Experts pronounce it a very valuable invention and the probabilities are it will make her a wealthy person. Eastern parties are already negotiating with her for an interest at a good price.

Albert R. Lewis and Miss Cora Willis were united in marriage Saturday evening by Rev. E. C. Horn, pastor of the M. E. church. The happy couple left Monday afternoon for a brief visit in Omaha and Plattsmouth after which they will take up their residence in Alliance. Both are popular young people.

Family Groceries.

Our Three...

Great... Leaders!

Reception Canned Goods.

Gold Medal Coffees

Cream Patent Flour...

Blackburn & Snedeker.

At the last meeting of the commissioners the HERALD was designated as the official paper for Box Butte county, in consequence of which H. J. Ellis, proprietor of the Times of this city, waxed exceedingly wroth, and knowingly misstated facts in connection with the awarding of the county printing to the HERALD. But for the aspersions cast upon the integrity of Commissioners Loer and Caha, especially Mr. Loer, we would not at this time refer to the incident; and we have neither the desire nor the space to devote to a resume of the matter in this issue. Suffice it to say that Ellis' charge that the county would lose \$500 by the selection of the HERALD as the official publication of the county, is absolutely and unequivocally false. The HERALD will not derive one dollar more for its work for the county than Ellis received for each year his paper was the official organ. If Mr. Ellis wants to re-open the question the HERALD has the documents to prove its every assertion; and further, to throw a light upon some of his actions that will not redound to his credit. Shall we do it?

Mrs. Miller, wife of Dr. W. K. Miller, died Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Miller was 59 years of age and her death was the result of a complication of diseases. She was born in Ohio and has been a resident of Alliance a number of years. She was an estimable lady and had many warm friends. The time of the funeral will not be decided upon until word is received from relatives in Iowa who will come to attend the funeral. The bereaved husband and family have the sincere sympathy of everyone in their sorrow.

We trust that the friends of the HERALD will appreciate the difficulties under which we have labored in getting out this issue of the paper. It is no small task to move a printing plant from one town to another without missing an issue. The paper is not what we hoped to make it, and yet we are not ashamed of it. In another week or two we will have been enabled to bring order out of chaos and start things moving with clock-like regularity.

Frank Pridle, who has held the position of porter at the Charters for sometime, left the city Monday taking with him property of others connected with the hotel, besides leaving one or two unpaid bills with merchants. The young man came to the hotel in poor circumstances and was shown special favors by Mr. Manderville. It is such exhibitions of ingratitude as this that makes a man hesitate to extend a helping hand often times when the one in need is worthy of assistance.

Sunday at the Baptist church, G. C. Jeffers, pastor. Morning sermon—Difficulties overcome in getting to Christ. Evening discourse, "The meaning of Christian baptism." Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Juniors meet at 3 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30. Midweek prayer service, Thursday evening. Cottage prayer meetings announced from the pulpit. A welcome to all services.

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Dr. Lewis' Toilet Cream.  
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Electric Liniment.  
Eagle Dyspepsia Tablets.  
Dr. Lewis' Headach Tablets.  
Our Own Corn Cure.  
Our Own Toothache Drops.  
Dompound Pile Ointment.

W. R. TILLOTSON.  
At the Eagle Pharmacy.

Dr. Allen, dentist, opera house.

Coal and wood.—W. JAMES, phone 5.  
Aker's coal, Canon lump and nut coal.—W. JAMES.

Buy your furniture before the RED TAG SALE RUNS OUT. February 28 is the last day.—GEO. DARLING.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. McCracken next Wednesday afternoon.

The HERALD office is located in the Simonson building, up-stairs immediately over the postoffice. The latch-string hangs on the outside.

John S. Finch, representing the Lincoln Journal, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Finch is one of the most pleasant representatives of the daily press who visits this city.

The sale, Tuesday, by Sheriff Reed, of about thirty tracts of land which had been foreclosed upon, drew an immense crowd to Alliance from the four corners of the county.

Miss Sadie Downing, of York, Neb., a young lady of excellent character and a composer of experience and intelligence, has accepted a permanent position in the HERALD office.

Mrs. Ed Patterson, Miss Lena Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Crowther, of Lakeside, came up Sunday to attend the revival meetings. Miss Flossie Hickman also came down from Marsland to attend the meetings.

Mrs. W. R. Bowman, of Hay Springs, made Dr. Bowman and family a brief visit last Saturday. Mrs. Bowman was enroute from Hemingford, where she had attended the funeral of her father, Volney Curtis, Friday.

Col. F. O. Wisner, of the Bayard Transcript, spent Monday and Tuesday in Alliance. The colonel is an old-time printer and with a genial gentleman. His paper is one of our newest exchanges. Come up often, colonel.

George Darling left Thursday for Lincoln, Omaha and Chicago. During his absence O. C. Erlwin, assisted by Mrs. E. P. Beck, will conduct the affairs of the furniture establishment. Mr. Darling expects to be absent about ten days.

The issue of this week's HERALD numbers 2,400 copies, and this ratio will be maintained for the next three weeks. Sample copies will be mailed free to any address. Anyone so desiring can have a sample copy sent to their friends in the east for the asking. Call up phone 340.

J. F. Rudowsky, an expert pressman in the employ of the Great Western Type Foundry, is in the city, coming under instructions to set up and put in apple-pie order the HERALD's big Babcock press. How well he has performed his mission is attested by the clear and beautiful print of today's paper. Mr. Rudowsky is as familiar with the intricacies of the Babcock press as the inventor himself.

No. 5, is the leading 5c. cigar.