

Counterfeiters.

Humboldt, Neb., March 3.—(Special to The Tribune.)—Considerable interest was awakened in this section last week by the report that the government secret service men had unearthed at the home of a farmer east of town some plates which had been used in counterfeiting. Later reports indicate that this part of the state from Omaha down and on to St. Joseph the business men have often come in contact with these bills, and developments are awaited with interest. No arrests have been made, it being claimed the officers are waiting in order to find who were the accomplices of the farmer. Both ten and twenty dollar bills were counterfeited by the gang although the plate found was for a twenty dollar gold certificate. Experts report it an exceedingly clever counterfeit and the average business man could not detect it from the original without a careful examination.

Boys Get in Trouble.

Three boys from Stella were brought to this city Friday by the sheriff of Johnson county and placed in jail on a charge of chicken stealing. They had run away from home after the alleged crime was committed and were captured at Tecumseh. One of the boys had recently been paroled from the reform school at Kearney and on learning of his misconduct, the superintendent of the school came to this city yesterday and took him back. The parents of the other boys fixed matters right and secured their release. Their arrest and imprisonment may prove a lesson to them as they are young in years and not too old in crime to reform.

Thomas Patterson Dead.

Thomas Patterson died at the home of his son, J. W. Patterson, south of Humboldt Tuesday night. Mr. Patterson lacked but a few weeks of being ninety-three years of age and was one of the pioneer residents of this county. For several years he had been totally blind. Mr. Patterson was well known to the older residents of this county and was highly respected. The remains were taken to Kentucky for interment.

A Small Blaze.

A chimney on the residence of George Reichers on North Harlan street, burned out Wednesday night. The fire department responded promptly to the alarm but the fire burned itself out with out doing any material damage. The wind was blowing a gale at the time and the blaze caused considerable excitement in that neighborhood.

WARNING!

A "Citizens" caucus has been called simultaneously by the two democratic papers, The News and The Journal. Official call for republican city convention will be issued later.

Watch THE TRIBUNE for Date!

New Chief of Police.

W. P. Fergus has resigned as chief of police and Mayor Heacock has named Frank Norris as his successor. The promotion of Mr. Norris has caused a vacancy and a patrolman to succeed him will doubtless be chosen at the next meeting of the council.

Mr. Fergus went to Humboldt to remain for some time with his cousin J. C. Fergus who is very ill. On his return he will devote his time to farming having obtained possession of the farm he recently purchased west of the city.

Old Settlers.

Some of the Richardson county pioneers who live in Humboldt and vicinity have started a movement to organize an association and hold some kind of a gathering during the coming summer. Membership in the proposed organization will be limited to those who have lived in Richardson county since 1854.

Third Ward Caucus.

A caucus of the voters of the Third Ward of Falls City to select 13 delegates to the county convention will be held at the National hotel, March 15, 1904, at 7:30 p. m.

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DEMOSTHENES.

The Great Orator as Seen by a Modern Humorist.

Demosthenes, the famous Greek politician, was born in an age when eloquence was at a premium, and, realizing this, he decided, while still a stripling, to become an orator, says the Milwaukee Sentinel.

With this idea in mind, he prevailed upon his father to send him to the Athenia business college, where he took a course in oratory and penmanship. After a year of hard study, he discovered that he was able to write a lovely hand, but that his oratory had not improved in proportion. He received his diploma, but though he made numerous applications for an oratorical position, and filled the local papers with want ads, he failed to connect.

Demosthenes, however, possessed one of those persistent natures that never balked at anything, and he never lost sight of his ambition to become a great speaker. To rid himself of a peculiar impediment in his speech, he began taking trips to the sea shore, where, with his mouth full of pebbles and bowlders, he recited "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight" and "What Are the Wild Waves Saying?" with the fishes and a sea serpent for an audience. Constant practice soon began to tell, and inside of three months Demosthenes procured a position as barker for a one-ring circus that had been touring the one night stands around Athens, and so faithfully did he discharge his duties that in no time at all the gate receipts of the side show were doubled. The slang that he added to his vocabulary during this period was very useful to him in later years, notably during his series of speeches against Philip whom he called a "lobster," "piker," "four flusher," and "wart." (See the Philippias of Demosthenes.)

In politics Demosthenes' matchless eloquence made him a tower of strength to the party. At political rallies he frequently addressed audiences with such fervor that they wept copiously and forgot that the platform was decidedly wobbly. He served two terms in the legislature and was thrice elected justice of the peace in the Sixth ward of his native city.

He met his Waterloo when he married an old schoolmate, who

succeeded in the course of two years in talking him to death. He was buried with great eclat which, by the way, was an expensive article in those days, and his present address is a matter of speculation.

REQUIEM FOR THE FLY.

Thought That Brings Satisfaction When Mercury Is Low.

There's some satisfaction these cold days to think of the flies that buzzed the summer hours away, says the Hood River Glacier. We cannot forget the little tormentor that persisted in planting his sticky little feet on our weary eyelids when we had posed for a summer day nap, or crawled in and sat on the drum of our ear to buzz his morning ditty. But while we do not and cannot forget, we can and do forgive—and why? Because his eyes are now closed in death. His dear little heart has ceased to palpitate. His lashes lie motionless on his pallid cheeks, and his little body, badly swollen but serene and perfectly composed, is motionless. His little soul is gone—alas, we know not where. Let us trust that it is better with him now than we hope it is. We can hardly hope that he has "gone on before." If he has, we may be excused for desiring to remain right here. And, by the way, why is it that a fly, so dingy and commonplace in life, is so gorgeously arrayed in the cold embrace of death? With alabaster abdomen encircled by bands of resplendent hue, he kneels a frozen corpse, and no warm chinook can ever thaw him out.

By-bye, by-bye, dear little fly,
It is so sad that you must die.
Alas! a tear stands in our eye—
We'll miss you from both stew and fry—
By-bye, ta ta; alas! by-bye.

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Time Table, Falls City, Neb.

NORTH	
No. 51 Omaha and Lincoln Express	A 2:28 a m
No. 57 Omaha and Lincoln passenger	A 2:48 p m
No. 233 Local Freight, Auburn	A 1:05 p m
SOUTH	
No. 52 Kansas City and St. Louis and Denver	A 2:28 a m
No. 58 Kansas City and St. Louis and Denver	A 1:46 a m
No. 232 Local, Atchison	10:30 a m
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