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## Judge Babcock Dead.

Judge Babcock is dead. The upright judge, the splendid lawyer, the exemplary citizen, the old soldier of '61 has gone to his rest. On Sunday morning the 29th of October, Albert H. Babcock one of the judges of the district court of this district, peacefully died at his home in the city of Beatrice, after months of weary suffering from a lingering, and what has proved to be a fatal malady.

The shock of the sad event, though not entirely unexpected, has come like a sudden blow, and calm thought concerning it seems a thing impossible. Judge Babcock was a useful citizen and a public servant not easily found in these days of graft and greed, when business has been reduced to a kind of race between riches and the penitentiary. Measured by every test known to moral ethics, our honored and lost judge was an honest man. Honesty was never a policy with him, but a principle as sacred in the forum of his conscience as the Ark and Shechinah of the ancient Hebrew, was to the followers of Moses. Contrasted with another class of men, frequently sent wide in the by-ways and high-ways of this life, who have the word "honesty" forever busy on their lips, but idle in their lives, we can better appreciate a man who, without proclaiming his honesty by word of mouth, impressed the fact on others by his acts alone and in all his dealings with his fellows. Such a man was Judge Babcock in every relation in life—as such he has passed all his long and useful life, and as such he has died.

He was a modest man withal and as kind as a woman. Abraham Lincoln once said he had never wittingly or intentionally planted a thorn in the bosom of any man. We believe that Albert H. Babcock could have emulated the great president, and truthfully have said the same thing.

But he is dead, this noble citizen, and with his harness on, precisely as he lived and acted all through the sixty-nine years of his sojourn on earth.

Friend, brother, neighbor, hail and farewell. Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

## A Close Call.

S. H. Bolejack who conducts a restaurant at Dawson had a close call last Sunday. A customer came into his place of business and ordered a lunch and when Mr. Bolejack went to the kitchen he found the fire out and he attempted to rekindle it with kerosene. An explosion followed and he was seriously burned about the face and for a while it was feared that his eyes had been injured. It developed however, that such was not the case, but it was a mighty close call.

## Winter Term.

All students who can enter the Falls City Business College Monday, November 13th will find it to their interest to do so as new classes will be organized in all departments. If not convenient to pay all cash on entering we will take your note for balance. We know the value of an education and will allow no one to remain out of school for want of funds. G. M. BARRETT, Principal.

## Masonic Meeting.

The next meeting of the A. F. & A. M. will be held on Monday evening, November 6th. A full attendance is desired at this meeting.

## At A Club Meeting.

At the meeting of one of the woman's clubs of this city last week roll call was to be answered by the giving of some humorous experience. The following incidents were given by two of the members: "I have a picture of the Sphinx in my home," related the first lady. A lady who was calling noticed it and said, "Whose picture is that?" "That is the picture of the Sphinx," I replied. "Oh," returned my caller, "who was he, I never heard of him." The second lady said, "A lady was out at my home one afternoon and I showed her a picture of George Washington and family, remarking on the singular beauty of Mrs. Washington." "Yes," my caller assented, "she is pretty, who are they?" "It is the picture of George Washington and family." "Are they friends of yours?" asked my visitor. Now what do you think of that?

## Grace Cameron in Africa.

A New York paper, speaking of Grace Cameron, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Kerr of this city says:—"Grace Cameron who will be remembered as Dolly Dimple in 'Piff, Paff, Puff,' opened Sunday night at the Empire theatre in Johannesburg, South Africa. Cablegrams say that her act has made the season's biggest success down in the late Boer country, and that she will remain there six weeks, after which she will go to Cape Town for a similar run, and thence will jump to London where she is booked for an extended tour in vaudeville. Miss Cameron is still doing the Dolly Dimple song with which she made her first Broadway hit."

## Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare club had a pleasant and very profitable meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Gilligan. There was a large attendance to discuss the lesson "Act Second of Julius Caesar" the most interesting one of the drama.

The club some weeks ago started the good work of urging many not acquainted with the privileges of the library to take advantage of the free books and magazines. At the business meeting a committee was appointed to act with others in a canvas of the town.

## Register of Deeds.

Republican voters should not forget that the supreme court has decided that the register of deeds must be elected this fall. The republican county convention anticipated this action of the court and nominated Will Rieger for re-election. Mr. Rieger is as much a candidate as any man on the ticket and republican voters must not overlook the fact that he is running but should be sure to see that their ballot is counted for him.

## The Business College.

The Falls City Business College closes today for a week's vacation. The fall term has been more than successful. The attendance is the largest in the history of the school and Prof. Barrett has made every day a day of profit for the students. The winter term will begin at the close of the weeks vacation and every indication points to a most successful term.

## At The Theatre.

"The Last Rose of Summer" as presented at the Gehling Wednesday was excellent. W. B. Patton is an artist of fine ability and delighted the audience with his clever stage manner. However the audience was too small for such a high class comedy.

## Society Notes.

Ethel Hershey entertained a number of her girl friends on Tuesday evening. It was in the form of a masquerade party and was greatly enjoyed.

A number of her friends were entertained on Tuesday evening by Ruth Messier, at her home in the eastern part of the city.

A box supper was enjoyed on Thursday evening by the members of the Workmen order and the Degree of Honor. A fine time is reported.

Mable Poteet was hostess to a number of her friends on Wednesday evening at her spacious home in the eastern part of this city. A royal evening was spent by the guests.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church cleared ten dollars at their Exchange last Saturday. The Exchange is conducted every Saturday by the Ladies of the Presbyterian and Methodist church alternately.

The Ladies Kensington of the Methodist Church entertained their husbands and gentleman friends Tuesday evening at the home of Will Crook. A novel program delighted the guests and at a late hour refreshments were served.

A very pleasant surprise party was given at the Farmer residence last Thursday in honor of Stella. A number of her friends were present and made the affair one of enjoyment. Mrs. Farmer and daughter leave soon for their future home at Concordia.

The ladies of the Christian church will hold a bazaar December 5th to 9th. The articles sold by the ladies are made by them and are things you cannot buy at the stores. They will be found very useful and will make very acceptable Christmas presents.

The Royal Highlanders gave an open meeting at the Bode Hall on Monday evening for a number of invited guests. This caste is noted for its royal manner in entertaining and the affair Monday evening was certainly enjoyable. An excellent orchestra furnished music for dancing, and the refreshments served by the ladies was another feature of the program. Local talent contributed to a well rendered program.

A memorable meeting of the L. B. T. club was held on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. A. G. Wanner being the hostess. Thanks to the hospitality of Mrs. Wanner this meeting was one of the most enjoyable of the season and a climax of enjoyment was reached when the bounteous refreshments were served.

The Guild of the Episcopal Church gave one of their excellent entertainments Tuesday evening in the form of a Halloween party at the Bode hall. The musical program was well rendered while the supper was complete in every detail. The entertainment netted the Ladies almost forty dollars.

Helen Resterer gave a very novel party to thirty-five of her school friends on Tuesday evening. The invitations gave instructions to "enter where you see the light" which proved to be the cellar way. A dark winding route along which ghosts kept you company, led the guests to the reception rooms. Here the Gypsy Fortune Teller held sway. Novel refreshments added to the pleasures of the evening.

## Vindication of Sheriff Hossack.

Though of course as was stated last week Sheriff Hossack's character needs no vindication yet a few personal reminiscences may not be out of place. The article in the News stated he was a failure as a farmer, the same could be said of many of us. We live along because we have to. We keep up a semblance of success, yet when the books are balanced how many have a surplus in the bank? Perhaps one in a hundred. His life is filled with hard work and generous deeds and of which a volume could be written.

Long years ago in the days of grasshoppers and drouth when animals were poorly fed and weak, a driver stalled his team with a heavy load; his anger and vindictiveness caused many to "pass by one the other side" but our large hearted friend with pity for poor beasts as well as humans came to the rescue, his genial manner to the angry man disarmed his wrath and hitching on his own thin team soon placed the wagon on solid ground. One burden lightened and one heart made happier through him.

Many years since a neighbor in moving to a distant state had cold weather and very bad roads for the task and Mr. Hossack's kindness and indefatigable labor helped haul his goods, load the car and stay with all the hard work until the small hours of the morning when the last freight bore that neighbor away. Do you think such labor of love can ever be forgotten?

When the terrible cyclone visited this section of the country this noble hearted man came from his home in the western part of the county fording swollen streams, walking railroad tracks and surmounting every difficulty to reach his relatives near Preston rendering them aid and sympathy. And his old neighbors south of this city where death, wounded ones and destruction on every hand met the eye. They can testify to his loving kindness to them. Helping to bury the dead striving to comfort the living caring for the wounded, his strength and energy untiring; his touch on sheet or pillow as gentle as a woman's and his sympathy and cheerfulness so helpful to all. They (the neighbors) can testify to all this and would do so were it necessary. When a good crop and plenty came many a sack of flour and quarter of beef have found their way to poor though very deserving friends.

The writer has intrusted commissions to him so important and so delicate that no one other could have performed them. Though they caused anxious days and sleepless nights yet they were performed willingly and cheerfully for friendships sake and poor language always fails in trying to give thanks for such favors.

In the discharge of his duties as sheriff he has many tasks to perform which wring his very heart, but as said in last weeks issue he never "swerves from duty" in serving extradition papers and on one occasion it was one of his friends whom he loved almost as a brother he went into his own pocket-book and rented rooms for a short time until something could be done.

I do believe in eulogies and flowers for the dead, yet how much more for the living. And could all the good deeds and

kind acts of our sheriff be written in a newspaper column it would reach from here to Alaska where he went in search for gold, the god which we all more or less worship. While there a companion fell sick and he hauled him on a sled over snow and ice and nursed him back to life only to be stricken himself with the deadly fever. Scarce life enough left to get to a steamer; scarce money enough for the journey he arrived home and was brought back to health and strength.

Think such a great heart does not remember such kindness with more than mere words or handshaking. Yes! a thousand times yes! and if this letter in any way could influence a single man to vote for Sheriff Hossack on election day we would feel indeed grateful. Yet we do feel confident that the majority of the voters of this county know a good officer and a deserving man and will vote accordingly. A FRIEND.

## Charity Board Meets.

Representatives to the meeting of the Charity board met together in the council rooms last Tuesday afternoon. Chairman John Hinton had charge of the meeting and arranged everything in his usual manner. The work of the committee was divided in three wards. Mrs. Johnston has charge of the first; Mrs. L. C. Mauger and Mrs. J. W. Holt for the second and Mrs. O. P. Heck and Mrs. Frank Norris for the third. The Brethren church has charge of the first ward, Methodist and Episcopal the second and the Christian the third. W. H. Keeling and Samuel Lichty were present and assisted in the work.

The next meeting will be held Thanksgiving morning for the purpose of distributing the offerings which are to be left at the office of the the marshals, in the rear of P. S. Heacock & Son's office. Falls City has long been in need of such a board and hearty support should be given the workers.

## We Wonder.

We wonder whether or not Bill McCray ever succeeded in making the people of his district believe that John Hutchings was to blame for the moving of that Rulo bridge, a little operation that cost the people of the county about six-hundred dollars. We know that he tried hard to make them believe it but we often wonder if he succeeded. Mr. McCray is pretty smooth and it may be that by that system of horn-swoggerly that is peculiar to himself he made them believe that as a reformer he could never, never have consented to this sinful waste of the people's money and that it was Hutchings who was to blame. On the other hand the people of his district know a thing or two and may have come to realize that the part played by the Wily McCray in the Rulo bridge matter was not exactly along the lines of reform and economy. At any rate, we wonder.

## Discovered Fire.

On Monday evening, what might have been a very serious accident, was averted by the presence of help. A blaze started between the rafters in the rear of the building occupied by the Elks and the floor had to be chopped in order to reach the seat of the conflagration. The fire was extinguished before it had time to spread much.

W. D. Sims came down from Dawson Saturday.

R. L. Hoff of Humboldt spent Saturday in this city.

Ruth Bohrer has been seriously ill for the past week.

F. L. Blakeney of Nims City spent Friday in this city.

G. W. Eiss came down from Nebraska City Wednesday.

G. E. Hopgood of Stella spent Saturday with friends here.

W. L. Sears made a business trip to Rulo Thursday morning.

V. Simanton was an M. P. passenger for Stella Wednesday.

Harry Simons came up from Rulo the latter part of last week.

Mrs. J. M. Robertson of Verdon was a visitor here Wednesday.

Lettuce Stewart of Salem spent Wednesday with friends in this city.

W. G. Smith of Troy, Kansas, was a business visitor to this city Monday.

Freed Shelly and wife were up from Preston to the show on Wednesday.

Chas Humphrey, editor of the Verdon Vedette was on our streets Wednesday.

Mae Herkes of Morrill, Kans., was the guest of friends in this city on Tuesday.

Joe Spickler and family of Shubert spent Saturday with Falls City friends.

Ed Griffith and wife of Verdon were business visitors here on Wednesday.

E. Hawley of Shubert was a guest at the City hotel on Friday of last week.

Wm. McPherson, proprietor of the City hotel, was on the sick list during the week.

Mrs. Ross Jackson of Rulo witnessed "The Last Rose of Summer" in this city Wednesday.

L. W. Wood of Pawnee City, was transacting business in this city the first of the week.

R. R. Shelly and wife of Preston attended the attraction at the Gehling Wednesday evening.

Jennie Watteyne of Preston was the guest of Mrs. Bert Harpster the latter part of this week.

Simon Davies left Tuesday evening for Prairie Union, where he will construct a church building.

Mrs. Sam Stewart came up from Reserve on Wednesday to visit her mother, Mrs. J. M. DeWald.

John and Miles Kelly of Verdon attend "The Last Rose of Summer" at the Gehling Wednesday evening.

Mrs. A. A. Tanner and child who have been visiting with Jake Tanner and wife in this city returned to their home in Humboldt Wednesday.

Mrs. D. M. Meyers and daughter Maud of Morrill, Kansas, are visiting friends and relatives in Falls City this week.

E. L. Martz, wife and son of Wymore spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his parents Samuel Martz and wife in this city.

The Endeavor Society of the Christian Church, will give a ten cent tea at the Christian Church on Thursday evening, November the tenth. Everybody invited.