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Republicanism is synonymous
with satisfaction. Are you satis-
fied.

W. J. Bryan must have spent
lots of money on his European
tour. But then during the presi-
dential campaign, the "Gate re-
ceipts" will be more than enough
to reimburse him.

Just to the extent that you
know a man as he really is, will
you appreciate that man. This
fact more than anything else ac-
counts for the popularity of
President Roosevelt.

This is going to be a good year
for Falls City. The list of im-
provements which we shall pub-
lish in our first issue in January
1905 will be worth reading. Now
is the time to subscribe.

The reconstruction of the de-
mocracy is a painful progress.
With Dr. Bryan and Dr. Cleve-
land disagreeing; and the dis-
ease being aggravated by the de-
lay the patient is in a desperate
fix.

One Omaha paper spells it
"Corea" and another spells it
"Korea." Surely in war reports
where such words as Chemulpo,
Vladivostok and Tsitihar occur,
nobody could make a mistake in
such a little word as Korea or
Corea or whatever it is.

We do not believe that there is
a republican in Nebraska worthy
the name who would be willing
to see President Roosevelt's chan-
ces lessened in order to further
those of John L. Webster, or any
other man. Of course the people
of Nebraska would prefer to see
a Roosevelt-Webster ticket in the
field, but if this is impossible, let
it be Roosevelt and some other
good man.

The republicans of Falls City
should feel proud of the Roose-
velt Republican club, not because
it is the first club of its kind to
be organized in the state, but be-
cause it is made up of earnest,
loyal republicans. "In union
there is strength," and by the
amalgamation of republican in-
terests under one organization the
republicans have taken a long
step toward assuring republican
success next fall as far as Falls
City is concerned.

The action of the Richardson
county bar in adopting resolu-
tions complimentary to Hon.

John S. Stull and Hon. Chas. B.
Letton, the retiring judges, was
both timely and appropriate. We
do not think that the language
of the resolution is too strong.
Both Judge Stull and Judge Let-
ton have earned this expression
of approval and retire with the
respect not only of members of
the bar, but of the people gener-
ally.

General Longstreet has passed
away. At the age of 84 years
the veteran confederate leader has
answered the last call. It mat-
ters not that he wore the gray,
for he had come to serve his
country well as surveyor of the
port of New Orleans under Pres-
ident Grant and the U. S. com-
missioner of railroads under Pres-
ident McKinley. In these days
of a country united, heart and
hand we take no cognizance of
the color of uniform a man wore
forty years ago, but will remem-
ber General Longstreet with a
tender memory and speak of him
as the loyal American citizen he
was when the death angel stood
by his bedside and sounded
"taps."

The latest reports indicates
that the crisis in the far east is
rapidly approaching a head and
war between Russia and Japan
seems to be inevitable. The re-
sources of diplomacy are seem-
ingly exhausted. The system of
ethics which govern the rela-
tions of nation to nation, is of
course sufficient to hold the Uni-
ted States government on neutral
ground, but no system of ethics
can keep the American people
from sympathising with the Jap-
anese. The muscovite policy of
aggression, has been clothed with
diplomacy and masked behind
hypocritical pretense, but enough
of its real character has been vis-
ible to indicate its real nature.
The Russian government has
played with Japan as a cat plays
with a mouse. Under the cir-
cumstances Japan will probably
be conquered but the Russian
bear will go home nursing a sore
paw and the American people
don't care if he gets it bitten off
entirely.

CONCERNING TAXATION.

Many persons have been led to
wonder why 1903 taxes are larger
than those of 1902, the valuation
being the same. The cause lies
in an increased levy. The school
levy was increased four mills,
the city levy one mill and the
state levy two mills making an
increase of 7 mills on the dollar,
or 70 cents on each one hundred
dollar valuation. For instance,
if a person were assessed on a one
hundred valuation in 1902 the
total tax would of been \$6.15. If
they were assessed on the same
valuation in 1903, the tax would

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have amounted to \$6.85; owing
to the increase of seven mills on
the levy. Another example; if a
person were assessed in 1902 in a
valuation of \$3,000 the tax would
have been \$184.50. On the same
valuation the tax in 1903 would
have been \$205.50, a difference of
\$21.00 due to this increase of
seven mills in the levy. Some
people are inclined to blame the
assessor for this increase in their
taxes, but this is all wrong, for
he is not responsible for the levy.

Hon. E. A. Tucker of Hum-
boldt was in the city on legal
business Wednesday.

Rev. Moore of Omaha will hold
services in St. Thomas Episcopal
church next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mamie McCoy of Beatty,
Kansas, is in the city visiting at
the home of her father, J.R. Cain.

Rev. Henry B. Smith of Fon-
du-lac, Wis., will come to this
city February 1st to take up the
duties of rector of St. Thomas
Episcopal church.

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