

Roosevelt Club Meeting.

The meeting of the Roosevelt club on Monday evening was quite well attended. The most important business transacted was the adoption of the by-laws that shall govern the organization. The by-laws as reported by the committee were read by the secretary and adopted after a few slight changes had been made.

Considerable discussion arose over the limitation of membership. The by-laws provided that any republican living in Falls City be eligible to membership. Some suggested that the words "and vicinity" be added. Those opposing the change argued that it was the desire of the state committee that Roosevelt clubs be organized in every precinct and that the admission of republicans from outside precincts to the Falls City club would have a tendency to discourage the organization of clubs in those precincts. The majority took this view of the matter and the amendment was defeated. Many were present who had not yet signed the roll and they took advantage of this chance to do so. The club adjourned to meet at the court house at eight o'clock p. m., Monday, March 7th.

Fire Narrowly Averted.

The building occupied by Beaulieu's news stand had a narrow escape from destruction by fire Saturday morning. Harnack's Military band uses one of the rooms up stairs for rehearsals and had provided several boxes filled with sawdust to be used as cuspidors. A rehearsal was held Friday evening and somebody evidently dropped a lighted cigar stump into one of these boxes and came near causing a serious conflagration. Mr. Avori who also occupies a room up stairs was awakened about three o'clock Saturday morning by the smell of smoke. He investigated but was unable to locate the fire. He then went down stairs and found Night Officer Camblin and the two made an inspection of the building. They forced open the door of the band room and a volume of smoke issued forth. Further investigation showed a big hole burned in the floor. The flames were easily extinguished but in a few moments would have developed into a very serious fire and considering the location of the building it is hard to tell where the conflagration would have ended.

Central Committee.

The republican central committee met at the court house Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of fixing the date of the county convention and transacting other

business. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crook and the call was read.

It was moved and seconded that the county convention be called to meet in the court house in Falls City on Thursday, Mar. 17th. The motion carried. The representation will be based upon the vote cast for Martin Zook for treasurer in 1903 and each precinct will be entitled to one delegate for each ten votes or major fraction thereof, cast for said Martin Zook. The convention will be called for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county, congressional and senatorial conventions and also to nominate a county ticket. The matter of the time and place of holding precinct caucuses was left to the discretion of the committeemen in the several precincts.

Damaged by Fire.

The semaphore tower in the west end of the Burlington yards was badly damaged by fire Saturday night. The fire was discovered by Operator Warrington and the alarm given. The crew of a freight train rushed to the scene and kept the fire in check until the department arrived. When the firemen got there the roof was ablaze but notwithstanding troubles that arose from broken hose, the flames were extinguished before great damage was done to the equipment. The upper part of the building was practically destroyed but the levers and other machinery connected with the semaphore system were not injured to any great extent. The necessary repairs will be made on the building at once. It is not known whether the fire originated from a stove in the building or from sparks thrown from a passing locomotive.

Married.

Mary A. Arnold and Chas. H. Steinbrink, both of this city, were married by County Judge Wilhite on Wednesday. The bride is a daughter of Jacob Arnold and the groom is a son of August Steinbrink. Both are well known and popular young people and many friends extend congratulations.

On Wednesday County Judge Wilhite performed the ceremony that united in marriage Charles H. House and Daisy Price, both of Salem.

Ada Vaughn

Mrs. Ada Vaughn died at the county farm Wednesday evening after an illness dating from last Christmas. The cause of her death was consumption. She was forty-two years of age. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

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Conditions in Zion.

John G. Speicher, overseer-in-charge at Zion City during the absence of Dr. Dowie, devotes considerable space in the current issue of Leaves of Healing, to denying reports to the effect that sickness, want and dissatisfaction are prevalent in Zion. Press reports have announced that work is scarce in Zion City, that wages have been reduced, that many families are moving away and that there are many cases of whooping cough and pneumonia. All these things Mr. Speicher vehemently denies and challenges investigation. It is evident from his utterances that there had been gross exaggeration of adverse conditions, and accepting his statements as true the health and prosperity and contentment of the people of Zion must be above the average in other parts of the country.

A Bold Thief.

On last Saturday a thief entered the cloak department of J. S. Johnston & Sons' store and when discovered by Clyde Johnston, made a hasty departure taking with him several garments from the stock. Mr. Johnston got a good view of the thief but did not recognize him as anybody he knew. No trace whatever has been found of the robber.

Charles Bryan

Charles, son of Lou. Bryan and wife died at the home of his parents in this city on Monday. The cause of his death was lock-jaw. Some time ago he suffered a slight cut on the hand, the injury failed to heal, blood poisoning set in and the boy died in terrible agony.

The little fellow was but fourteen years old. The parents are heart broken, and in their very great sorrow they have the sympathy of friends. The body was taken to Mound City, Mo., Tuesday for burial.

A Severe Fall

J. C. Lange who is employed at the Douglas mill fell from a third story window of the building on Saturday. He sustained a broken collar bone and also a number of severe bruises.

Marriage Record.

County Judge Wilhite has issued the following marriage licenses:

Otto Scharringhausen, Barada	28
Emma Kuhlman, Barada	22
Arthur Surman, Barada	29
Goldie F. Prine, Barada	18
Allen Combs, Salem	20
Lillian Pearl Fouch, Verdon	18
Chas. H. Steinbrink, Falls City	27
Mary A. Arnold, Falls City	24
Charles H. House, Salem	25
Daisy Price, Salem	29