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## Forgery.

A man about five feet seven inches in height, smooth face and dark complexioned walked into the first National bank of this city last week and presented a bill of lading purporting to have been signed by F. W. Vance the Mo. Pac. agent at Reserve, Kas. for a shipment of 62500 pounds wheat. He gave his name as L. C. Smith, and drew a sight draft for \$900 on the Hay & Grain Co., of Omaha for the shipment, putting up the bill of lading as collateral. The local bank took the draft for collection and sent it on to Omaha for collection. The draft was duly taken up by the Omaha National and the money sent him was duly turned over to the fellow representing himself to be L. C. Smith. The whole thing now appears to be a forgery. No wheat was loaded at Reserve and no bill of lading was signed by Mr. Vance.

John De Long, secret service man for the Mo. Pac., was investigating the matter Tuesday, but has been able to find no definite clue. In as much as both the first National and the Omaha bank are members of the American banking association, there is hope that the criminal may be located by the Pinkertons who are at work on the case.

## Washington's Birthday.

The ladies and gentlemen of the Episcopal church gave a George Washington social at Mrs. Margaret Maddox's home on Wednesday evening. The home was decorated profusely with flags and bunting while a cherry tree occupied the center of the dining table. Hatchets tied with ribbon in the national colors were given as souvenirs. The unique feature of the evening was that seven men members of the church served the refreshments while George Dietsch presided at the punch bowl. The ladies were supposed to assist but the men really did the work, while their better halves looked pretty in their costumes and dealt out hospitality to the large crowd which attended. A considerable sum was added to the fund of the St. Martha's guild by the entertainment.

## Married.

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Baptist parsonage at Stella, Tarsney Harper Winfrey and Etta May Vandever were united

in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. King.

Immediately after the ceremony the worthy young couple drove to the home of the bride where a number of relatives were awaiting them and extended hearty congratulations, also an elegant wedding supper was partaken of.

Miss Vandever is the accomplished daughter of W. A. Vandever and wife and is highly respected by all who know her. While Harper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winfrey and is a prosperous and energetic young farmer and possesses all the traits of character that it takes to make an ideal husband.

Many valuable presents were received. They will soon be at home to their friends on a farm northwest of Stella.

## Mrs. John W. Wixon.

Mrs. John W. Wixon died at her home in Stella Saturday morning. She has been compelled to sit up in a chair since Christmas with bronchial trouble complicated with heart disease. Her two brothers George and Will Benson of Geneva and her sons Sam and Will Wixon of the same place arrived here a few hours before her death. She was buried in the Stella cemetery Monday, the funeral services being held in the M. E. church at 1 p. m.

Allen Gillespie, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Messler died on Tuesday night, aged 4 months and seven days. The little boy had never been in robust health, having been ailing almost from his birth. The funeral services conducted by Rev. Cline was held Thursday afternoon 2:30 o'clock at the home, interment being in the Steele cemetery. The Tribune extends to the bereaved young parents the sincere sympathy of their many friends and acquaintances.

## Robbery at Rulo.

On Wednesday night thieves tried to enter the school house at Rulo, but were frightened away before gaining entrance. They were more successful at the Catholic church however, as they succeeded in getting in there and securing a number of articles among them being the priests vestments. The robbers were caught at Forest City, Mo., early yesterday morning.

J. A. Hossack is visiting relatives in Preston.

## In Police Court.

Lawrence Sherbin, otherwise known as Reddy Knobe, one of the town toughs and bums, was up before Judge Cleaver, the first of the week, charged with making a "rough house" and picking a fight at the dinner hour at the National Hotel. Judge Cleaver imposed a fine of \$5 and cost.

## Court House News.

Things are as quiet as the tomb about the court house and the word from each office is "nothing doing."

The county clerk has been filing a large number of claims during the past few days and has been somewhat engaged in filing and releasing chattel mortgages.

J. C. Janner has so far recovered from his illness as to permit him to be at his office a short time each afternoon.

Sophia Fink has commenced an action against Louis Fink for rent.

Frank Fryburghouse has commenced an attachment action against James Franklin Clark.

J. L. Gandy has filed two suits against Jerome Wiltse, one on a note and one for an accounting.

Treasurer Zook and his assistance have been doing nothing but routine work for several days.

## Mass Meeting.

The sewerage question which has agitated Falls City residents seems to be on the high road to settlement. A mass meeting held in the court house last Monday although not very largely attended was very enthusiastic and interesting Mayor Holt acted in the capacity of chairman and presented the important topic of sewerage. The question of location for the water supply, necessary for the carrying out of a sewerage system was discussed. Mayor Holt appointed W. H. Crook F. Harlow, A. Graham, Charles Davis, A. E. Gantt and John Lichty to report at the next meeting. Monday evening Feb. 27, as to a probable location for a new water supply and to solicit property owners. Let every representative property owner be present at this meeting, take part in it and help in the plans to beautify and to build up this city. Let every citizen be present and make the meeting worthy the cause.

## Fight at Barada.

John Randal of Barada was looking for the county attorney

Thursday to lay in a complaint against James Stephenson for assault. Randal claims that Mr. Stephenson and his son attacked him Monday night and beat him with a crowbar. Randal's head is pretty well cut up and from his story, there must have been all kinds of a rough house for a few minutes.

## Runaway.

On Monday Joe Steele and daughters while sleigh riding east of this city had the misfortune to be upset in a snow drift. The high drifts upset the sleigh whereupon the horse became frightened and started for the city. The occupants received no other injury beyond a severe shaking up but considerable damage was done to the sleigh.

## Inter-High School Debate

The high schools of the county will meet in joint debate at the Gehling theatre in this city Friday evening, March 10. The question will be, "Resolved, That the United States Government should own and control the railroads." Affirmative: Stella, Rulo, Verdon, Salem. Negative: Shubert Dawson, Falls City, Humboldt. Everybody should attend this debate and encourage the speakers.

The fifth entertainment given by the popular Sphinx club at the Gehling theatre last Thursday evening was well attended. The Meister singers are a superb organization having beautiful, harmonious voices and an unlimited knowledge of music. Every selection was heartily encored by those fortunate enough to be present.

Sorosis met at the home of Mrs. L. C. Manger Wednesday afternoon. A very interesting and instructive program was given, after which the question of entertaining the visiting clubs members at the district meeting to be held in March, was discussed. Among other social functions will be a reception to the officers at the home of Mrs. J. R. Cain the evening of March 21.

Why not have the next congressional convention of the republican party held in Falls City? Mr. O. A. Coopet of Humboldt is a very influential man on the committee, which fact, together with the general disposition among the counties to land on Lincoln good and hard, would probably insure us the convention if properly managed. It isn't too early to begin if we want it, and it will probably be worth going miles to see.

O. L. Bantz, Humboldt's popular postmaster was in the city Thursday arranging the preliminaries incident to the bond election for a new city hall in his home city.