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## Congressional Election on next Tuesday

### Frank Knickerbocker Hurt.

Frank Knickerbocker, who is employed by the Crystal Lake Ice company, was the victim of a very painful accident last Saturday. He attempted to lift a large cake of ice when the tongs slipped and one of the sharp points inflicted a very deep and painful wound in the calf of his left leg. The injury will prevent his return to work for some time, but will not permanently disable him.

### Horse Thief Caught.

On Wednesday a stranger drove into Shubert with a team and while he was quenching his thirst and that of his team a message was received describing both and asking the authorities to arrest the man and hold him for officers from Iowa. The arrest was made and when the officers from Iowa arrived it was learned that the prisoner was wanted on a charge of having stolen the team on the 4th of July. He agreed to return to Iowa without the formality of requisition papers.

### On a Country Road On a Sunday Night.

A romantic place is a country road on a Sunday night. Not in the day light, mind you, when the hot winds fill your eyes with dust and the sun glares remorselessly at you. But on a Sunday night, when the chores are done and the horse is groomed until its sides shine, and the barehead girl in her white dress drives with you in the new buggy down through the hollows where the shadows lie dark and cool and up the hillside where the night wind whispers such wonderful secrets to the leaves—as the night wind has the habit of doing, on a country road on a Sunday night.

How clearly come the deep tones of the farmer's dog barking to the north. Down in valley the boy as yet too young to have a horse and buggy and a girl to tie the ribbon on the whip, cries out long ho-o-y to the belated stock. A wagon rattles over the adjoining hill, sharp and distinct in the night's stillness. These are the stage settings, the reality is the barehead girl who shyly, says "I can drive, I believe, if you will let me."

Of course she can drive; we never knew of a horse that a girl could not drive on a country road on a Sunday night. We never knew of a sensible boy who would drive such a horse, at such a time, in such a place.

And so she takes the lines timidly, and you are timid too, the while. A great duty has devolved upon you and you are afraid. But she chatters on as though she were thinking of nothing save the subject of her chatter, and you answer her in monosyllables until she grows discouraged and silent and, without words, she and you—drive slowly and silently along a country road on a Sunday night.

Better than the drives in the city's park. Better than the promenade on the board walk on the shore of the sea. Better than anything this mercenary old world holds for you, save the home where the wife and the babies are, is a drive on a country road on a Sunday night.

Envy no man of his larger opportunity, covet no man's power and wealth, when you have youth, a barehead girl, a country road and a Sunday night.

Ned Towel and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl born, Tuesday July 11, 1905.

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### Delightfully Entertained.

A large party was delightfully entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Miner of Friday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rathburn of Lincoln. The evening was spent by playing a unique and fascinating game arranged with the letters of the alphabet into the spirit of which the guest entered with enthusiasm. Following the serving of an exceptionally dainty repast, Miss Maud Graham and Mrs. Rathburn favored the company with several instrumental and vocal selections. Miss Graham's ability needs no comment while Mrs. Rathburn possesses a voice of rare quality and great temperamental possibilities. Altogether the entertainment was one of the most enjoyable of the season.

### No Jesse James Show.

There was no Jesse James in Falls City last Wednesday although posters and hand bills had duly announced that there would be and some people who came from a distance to see it, were disappointed. When the advance agent of the show reached this city he went to Treasurer Bode for a license. The mayor was absent from the city and as the ordinances are not clear as to licensing of shows of this class the treasurer consulted the city attorney and on the advice of the latter issued a license and accepted the payment of the license fee. The agent of the show then arranged with the board of education for the use of the vacant lot near the Central school building. But when Mayor Leyda returned, he refused to endorse the action of the city treasurer and declared that the show could not exhibit in this town. The company reached here on their special train Wednesday and were at once informed that they would not be allowed to show. Most of the day was spent in trying to straighten the matter out, but the mayor remained obdurate and there was no performance. In the evening the cowboy band came up town and played a complimentary concert and the manager of the company made a brief address in which he expressed his regrets occasioned by the misunderstanding and invited all Falls City people to come to Omaha next week and see the show free of charge. The members of the company were evidently ladies and gentlemen and so conducted themselves during their stay in the city. Railroad men who saw the show in Atchison speak very highly of it and The Leavenworth Times gives it a very favorable mention.

### Methodist Conference.

The Nebraska conference of the M. E. church will convene in Falls City September 19, 1905. It will be a notable gathering—two hundred ministers and officials of the church at large from Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago.

Missionary representative from many lands. The Methodist church is one of the greatest religious bodies, numbering millions of members and adherents.

The people of Falls City are especially honored in having such a meeting in our midst. We should do our best to welcome this body to our city and make their stay pleasant.

Bishop J. W. Hamilton of San Francisco, Cal., will be present and preside.

W. Alexander of Dawson was a Falls City visitor Wednesday.

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### Crowd Hears Pollard

Hon. E. M. Pollard the republican candidate for Congress, and Hon. Allen W. Field addressed a large gathering at the court house in this city on last Saturday afternoon. The meeting was preceded by a short concert by the Har-nack Military band and then all adjourned to the court room where the speaking took place.

This is the busy season of the year and a time when a large crowd at a political gathering is not to be expected, but notwithstanding these facts, the room was well filled when the meeting was called to order by W. E. Dorrington, president of the Roosevelt club and chairman of the county central committee. Mr. Pollard was then introduced and received an ovation from the audience. He spoke at length on the issues of the campaign and took up the various planks of the Falls City platform explaining his position with reference thereto, to the satisfaction every republican and many of the democrats who heard them. In a clear and concise manner he explained how he intends to support the administration of President Roosevelt when he goes to congress. He outlined his position with reference to every important public policy, and made a distinct impression on his hearers by his clear understanding of these questions and his evident desires to serve the best interests of the people when he shall go to represent them at Washington. His remarks were frequently interrupted by applause.

Mr. Pollard was followed by Mr. Field who made a brief address, brim full of good humor and sound logic. Mr. Field is a very pleasant speaker and held the undivided attention of his hearers. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Pollard and Mr. Field went to Humboldt where they addressed a large gathering that evening.

### A Special Election.

A mass meeting was held at the court house last Thursday evening for the purpose of considering the waterworks question and it was the sense of the meeting that the council call a special election to vote for or against bonds for the necessary changes and improvements.

A meeting of the council was held and it was decided to call the special election on Tuesday, August 15. The proposition as submitted will be to issue bonds in the sum of \$36,000, bearing four per cent interest and to run for twenty years with the privilege of redeeming any part of said bond after the expiration of ten years. The proceeds from the sale of said bonds is to be used for the reconstruction, extension and improvement of the waterworks and electric light systems. In the event that the proposition carries, the waterworks pumping station and power house will be removed to the proposed site south of the city. The stand pipe will be done away with and a direct pressure system substituted. It is further proposed to extend the mains into all the addition and outlying suburbs and to provide fire hydrants for the protection thereof. It is also proposed to inaugurate an all night electric light service.

There is of course some difference of opinion as to the advisability of issuing these bonds, but the matter will doubtless be thoroughly discussed between now and the holding of the special election.

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### Society News.

The Methodist ladies Kensington met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. V. E. Conser. Ices and cake were served and all present spent a pleasant afternoon.

The Married Ladies Kensington of the Presbyterian church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Bohrer. The afternoon was very pleasantly and profitably spent.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cleveland and daughter, Nettie, and Miss Leah Poteet left yesterday evening for the Missouri lakes to spend a few days fishing.

A number of young people gathered at the National hotel last Saturday night and enjoyed a very pleasant social dance. It was a very enjoyable occasion for all who participated.

About twelve young ladies of the Presbyterian church spent Tuesday night at the home of J. L. Cleaver, and after partaking of a lovely breakfast Wednesday morning returned home. They report a fine time.

The members of the Degree of Honor lodge of this city planned and carried out a most pleasant picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crook yesterday afternoon. Hacks were chartered and all started from C. M. Wilson's grocery store at 1:30 and a large crowd was in attendance. A lovely basket supper was served and all seemed to more than enjoy themselves.

Misses Stella and Mattie Schock entertained at breakfast on last Friday morning in honor of Miss Della Totten of Lincoln. The affair which was delightfully informal was greatly enjoyed by the guests who were delightfully entertained. The young ladies present were; Etta Riechers, Buelah Greenwald, Maud Mohler, Della Totten, Mable Lyford, Marie Talbot, Elizabeth Naylor, Laura Naylor and Edna Spencer.

Reba Eversole entertained the members of the D. D. and H. S. M. clubs at her home on West Steele street last Saturday evening, the occasion being in honor of her sixteenth birthday. Miss Eversole proved to be a charming hostess, and on departing her guests not only thanked her for a very pleasant evening, but congratulated her upon the anniversary which they had helped to celebrate. Miss Eversole was the recipient of numerous handsome gifts.

On last Sunday at the Salem Chautauque grounds in honor of Judge Grinstead of Larned, Kansas, who was visiting here, there was held a family reunion. Four brothers, George Grinstead, of this city; R. E. Grinstead, Capt. John Grinstead of Salem and Judge Grinstead of Larned, Kan., and two sisters, Mrs. Shirley and Mrs. Harlan both of Salem were present.

A good time was had by all and the day was spent in visiting and talking over old times. At noon all enjoyed a fine basket dinner which had been prepared. The day was also Judge Grinstead's birthday. Among those present were Mrs. John Grinstead, Mrs. R. E. Grinstead, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoffnell and two sons of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. John Gilligan and son George and Miss Floy Grinstead of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shirley and daughter, Mildred, of Humboldt, and Miss Zola Grinstead of Lincoln. All report a most pleasant time.

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### Death of Mrs. Parlier.

Mrs. Mary H. Parlier died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Harvey, in this city on last Monday at the age of 80 years and 8 months. Through many long months of illness Mrs. Parlier had been a patient sufferer, but bore it all without complaint and met death with christian fortitude and a firm confidence in the promises of the Savior.

Mary Turley was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky, in October, 1824. In 1832 she removed with her parents to Jacksonville, Ill., and in 1871 came to Nebraska. She was married to John D. Parlier. To them seven children were born, of which three are living, one son in Oklahoma and John Parlier and Mrs. S. H. Harvey of this city. She also leaves two aged sisters. For sixty years the deceased had been an earnest member of the Methodist church, and walked even to the verge of the grave in the light of divine truth. She was a good woman, and hers was a very long and a very useful life. For the past fifteen years she had made her home with her daughter in this city. The many friends of the family unite in extending sympathy.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended. At the conclusion of services the remains of this kindly old lady were borne to the cemetery, followed by a large concourse of friends.

### Big Fire at Rulo

About four o'clock Friday morning the city of Rulo was visited by the most disastrous fire in the history of the town. As a result thereof, a desolate mass of ruins lie along the east side of the main street and constitute all that are left of some of the best and most substantial buildings that graced one of the oldest as well as the most prosperous towns in Richardson county.

The fire started in the two story building, the first floor of which was occupied by Eli Plant's general store. At the time of the discovery smoke was issuing from the windows of the building and nothing could be done to stay its progress. Practically the whole town turned out at the sound of the alarm and the heroic effort that was made by the people doubtless resulted in the saving of much valuable property.

Mr. Plante and wife and son occupied rooms over the store and it was with great difficulty that they were rescued from the burning building. The fire rapidly spread to the adjoining furniture store and to Mr. Oeamb's general store. These, together with a saloon that was located in the basement of the general store, were destroyed. Goods from all the adjoining stores were hastily removed into the streets as it was feared that the conflagration would spread but the fire was confined to the buildings above mentioned.

A general estimate of the loss sustained indicates that the damage was very great. Mr. Plante carried insurance to the amount of \$14,000 but his loss will amount to about \$7,000. Mr. Oeamb carried no insurance and his loss will be very great as will also be that of the proprietors of the saloon who had no insurance.

The proprietor of the furniture store had his stock fully insured.

While the blow was a very severe one, it is expected that the town will fully recover and while no plans have been made for the rebuilding of the burned structures, it is confidently expected that they will be rebuilt, perhaps on a larger and better scale than before.

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### The House-to-House Visits Made.

On last Friday morning the city was canvassed in the interest of the Sunday schools of our city, with the exception of one district, and that was canvassed on Tuesday morning of this week. With but two or three exceptions the visitors were treated with all due respect. Any man who will curse a christian lady when they come in the name of the world's Christ and Redeemer to help them on to God, ought to be published and made an example of. But we will pray that they may repent and be brought to the place of obedience. Let me suggest to you, that you visit each and every person who has given his or her preference for your church or Sunday school. "Class Visitation" is one of the best things at any time to build up the class, but after a work of this kind it is absolutely essential if you are to reap the results.

Keep in mind that you are doing a great service for the Master's Kingdom. No such opportunity for doing so great a work has ever been presented to this community. May the Head of the church, which He loves as His body, bless you abundantly in all your endeavors. There was some expense for cards, express and a few other incidentals, and as soon as the secretary makes a total of it, we shall divide it among the schools, and we are sure you will all be glad to meet your part of it. In His service,

ELDER J. CRONENBERGER,  
President.

### Basil Boyle Married.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Louise Perry to Basil Edward Boyle. The ceremony was performed in St. Louis, Wednesday, June 28 and they are now at home to their friends at 4612 Mcmillan Ave, St. Louis. The Falls City friends of the groom will have only the heartiest of congratulations and the best of wishes for Basil and his bride.

### Ed Fisher Promoted

Ed Fisher, who has been acting as the local agent of the Adams Express company has been promoted and in about ten days will assume the management of the company's office at Leavenworth, Kansas. The many friends of Mr. Fisher and his wife will sincerely regret their departure from the city but will nevertheless congratulate him on his well deserved promotion.

### W. W. Brown Injured.

W. W. Brown the well known farmer and thresherman residing east of town is suffering from the effects of a serious runaway accident. He was returning from town on a tank wagon and was also hauling several bridge planks. When within about a mile of his home, the planks shifted forward and frightened the team of mules, causing them to run away. Mr. Brown was thrown between the wagon and the frightened animals and sustained a number of very severe bruises.

### Formerly Of Falls City.

C. W. Melvin of Iola, Kansas the dynamiter who destroyed three saloons and \$100,000 in property in Iola last week, and who is now being tracked by 200 citizens lived in Falls City some eighteen years ago. He was married to Mary Stump while here and is remembered as an eccentric character by many of our people.