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**INSURANCE INVESTIGATION.**

The New York legislative committee that is investigating the great life insurance companies is uncovering the expected. For years a vague rumor of mismanagement has been prevalent, but until the internecine war in the Equitable, followed as it was by such sensational disclosures, nothing was done. The scandal produced was too great for further inaction and an investigating committee was appointed. The committee so appointed has found something very rotten in Denmark. The mutual companies are in fact nothing but huge trust companies. Every dollar of their assets belongs to the policy holders. At the annual election every policy holder is entitled to a vote on questions of management and the election of officers. The Deans of finance who control the companies secure proxies of several hundred thousand and policy holders and vote themselves and friends into office at huge salaries. There is nothing illegal about this, but it is bad business from the stand point of policy holders. The money paid in salaries is their money. Every dollar paid out comes directly from their pockets in the payment of premiums; every dollar accumulated enhances the value of their policies. The one hundred thousand dollar salaries are paid to men who elect themselves to office and fix their own salaries by voting the proxies given them by the men who own the money. Great scheme isn't it?

But these pastmasters in the ancient and august order of graft are not satisfied with mere salaries. Their fertile brains are worth more than that. They get together and incorporate trust companies which, in most instances, are composed of the officers of the insurance company. The graft is worked as follows. For instance, the Chicago drainage canal puts a million dollars in bonds on the market. It is good security, none better. The insurance company has millions of idle money that must be invested. Do the directors of the insurance company purchase these bonds? Yes, but not as the directors of the company, that game would be too simple and too unprofitable for the financial giants of the far east. They buy them as the directors of the trust company and pay 100 cents on the dollar for them. Then the directors of the trust company take the matter up with themselves as directors of the insurance company and finally convince themselves that the bonds are worth 103 cents on the dollar and so the directors of the insurance company buy the bonds for the insurance company of themselves as directors of the trust company and pay therefor 103 cents on the dollar. See? The officers of the Insurance Co. double the salary of the president of the United States, make three per cent on a million dollars by organizing a trust company to sell bonds to the insurance company,

and the policy holders pay not only the salaries but the three per cent as well.

Great scheme isn't it? The testimony given last week by the president of the mutual life disclosed that he, without authority, gave a very large contribution to the republican national campaign fund out of the assets of the insurance company. These assets belong to the policy holders. The president of the company has no more right to give them away than the guardian of a minor child would have the right to give away the money of his ward. The president of the company explained this contribution by the use of a familiar term in high finance which, translated into the language we understand, means stealing.

District Attorney Jerome is attending the investigation. He says that the road is open to the penitentiary.

Here's hoping. The News continues its little flings at John Hossack and speak of him in a contemptuous way. The regard the people of this county have for Mr. Hossack is not to be destroyed in any such way. He is conceded to be among the best officers this county has ever had. No labor has been to great for him to perform as sheriff, no call has ever been made upon him that he has not met it cheerfully and willingly. There is no more thoughtful, kindly man on earth today than John Hossack. There is no man more popular with the people. The writer of this has seen him walk up to a strange old lady and take her bundles out of her hands with a "I'll help you mother" and assist her on her way with a gracious courtesy that would have done credit to the finest gentleman in the land. No, a man like John Hossack will not suffer from political innuendoes, we know him too well. He will be elected by the people, republican and democrat alike, and when elected will continue through the next two years as he has done in the two years past, serving the people well and faithfully in every way in his power.

The conference which has just concluded its labors has been of great service to the people of this city. It has given us association with some of the strongest and best men of the state. The sermon of Bishop Hamilton last Sunday morning is conceded to be the strongest ever heard in Falls City. Some little talk has resulted from a few incidents connected with the conference, as for instance the Blakemore trial, and the church as an organization has been condemned by a few. This is unfair and reflects no credit on a man who gives utterance to such sentiments. If you were walking in the open tonight and a star should fall, your eyes would be turned to it in its descent, yet are there million of stars casting their light in the darkness and making beautiful the silent night. Keep your eyes on those stars which are steadfast and do not condemn the thousand because one has fallen.

Let the slogan of every man be "for the good of the town." Buy Falls City made goods, encourage home industry, get behind the wagon and push. That this sentiment is prevalent may be inferred from the fact that a committee composed of Reavis, Leyda, Miles and Towle is working together in peace and harmony. Don't be a clam.

Porter Stringfield, republican candidate for clerk, is representative of all that is best in young men. His past life may be taken as an earnest of what his official conduct will be when elected clerk, as he surely will be. No good reason can be assigned for casting a vote against him and every republican voter in the county should see that his ballot is crossed opposite his name.

**Democratic Convention.**

The democratic convention was held at the court house last Monday afternoon and this time the untried succeeded in doing business and nominating a ticket. This time the weather was all that could have been asked and delegates came in such numbers as to constitute a convention of very respectable size. Hon. C. H. Nolte was made the chairman and then the convention got down to business and did not stop until the following ticket had been elected:

For treasurer, J. S. Lord; for clerk, John Hutchings; register of deeds, L. C. Edwards; judge, John Gagnon, sheriff, William Fenton; superintendent, E. J. Oliver; coroner, Dr. Gale Andrews; surveyor, Emil Krasny. The central committee was organized by the election of Edwin Falloon.

Apparently the convention was very harmonious, but it is reported by some who claim to know that all is not so lovely as it might be. It is whispered that there are sore spots that may sooner or later become seriously inflamed and cause all kinds of trouble. The ticket is not one of particularly great strength. It is very evident that the convention paid more attention to the geographical location of the candidates than to their fitness for the offices for which they have been nominated. In so doing, the convention shelved some very worthy and deserving men, who take this action as an undeserved rebuke. In one or two cases this dissatisfaction is very marked. In no sense is the democratic ticket superior to the republican ticket. Nevertheless the campaign will be exciting, though the odds at present are decidedly in favor of the republican candidates.

**RULO**

W. M. Vastine shipped a car load of his fine porkers to St. Joseph last week.

Geo Wheeler of Table Rock is painting the coping on the piers of the Missouri river bridge this week.

Steve Cunningham brought some fine hogs over the river Wednesday, having sold them to W. M. Vastine.

Wm. Harding, section foreman at White Cloud has been transferred to the Salem section.

Mrs. R. L. Jackson visited with friends in Falls City several days this week.

Prof. Stevens has moved into Uncle Phil Ryan's house.

M. J. LeBlanc is pushing the work on Joe Miles building so it will be ready to occupy inside of thirty days.

The Holiness church people held revival services in Rulo last week. Quite a number of ministers were here from Omaha, Tabor, Iowa, Golf, Kan., and from Missouri.

Eli Plante has just had a settlement with the insurance company on his losses from the fire of July 7th. Mr. Plante will rebuild.

Frank Brown is clerking in the store for J. A. Hinkle this week.

Charlie Story has been on the

sick list this week. Mrs. J. M. Martinosky is still on the sick list but is reported as being some better.

Mr. Johnson, the janitor of the high school has been appointed truant officer. He has qualified and now has the same powers as a special policeman or constable.

**VERDON.**

Mock Melz and wife had a little girl last week.

Mary Peasece was an Omaha visitor this week.

Lillian Avans left for St. Louis to resume her work.

Mrs. B. F. Veach was a Falls City visitor last Friday.

R. Cheneweth is visiting his sister Mrs. J. G. Jones.

Bessie Hyde visited West Stump's family this week.

Gertrude Lum returned from her Denver trip last Monday.

The small son of Henry Fritz, east of town is on the sick list.

D. M. Davies and family of Falls City was in town Sunday.

Mr. J. Hendricks the plasterer moved to Liberty, Nebr. this week.

A. sister of Mrs. Geo. Messler Mrs. S. Migrants is here in Verdon.

Anna James spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Stella.

West Stump has gone to Long Island, Kansas, to see to his land there.

Lettie Detrich is spending the week with her brother in the country.

Mrs. DeWald is here nursing her daughter Mrs. Merrit Lum, who is quite pick.

Abe and Bill Stuart left for Hitchcock county where their land is this week.

Thieves took five dollars in cash and some cigars from Harnacks saloon last Friday.

Mrs. Worley and daughters, Anna and Lottie is visiting her brother John Cornell.

Mrs. Ellen Gant left for Buffalo New York, this week after a few weeks visit in Verdon.

Mrs. Cliff Benedict entertained N. Weaver, B. F. Wiser and their wives for dinner, last Sunday.

Mike Meliza and family started for South Dakota, Friday, for a combined business and pleasure trip.

Evan Owens returned home from Portland, Oregon, Caldwell Idaho, California and other points where he visited.

The Christian church gave an ice cream social on the church lawn which was well attended last Saturday evening.

Some of the men who bought lots in Custer City, Oklahoma have gone to see about their interests there, they are Miles Mayfield, E. A. Harden, Mr. Laras, J. J. Schrader.

**Public Sale.**

I will hold a public sale of thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey hogs, forty-five specimens at Metz sale pavilion, Saturday, October 28, 1905. F. W. WITTRICK.

**Burlington Bulletin.**

OF ROUND TRIP RATES. Chicago and return, on sale daily, \$20. St. Louis and return, on sale daily, \$16.25. Portland, Tacoma and Seattle and return, on sale daily, \$45. San Francisco and Los Angeles and return \$50. On sale October 17-18-19-20-21. San Francisco and Los Angeles and return, one way via Portland, \$62.50, on sale October 17-18-19-20-21. Salt Lake and Ogden, Utah, and return, on sale daily, \$30.50. Cody, Wyo., Black Hills and Hot Springs, S. D., approximately half rates all summer. Low one-way Colonist rates, to California and northwest Sept. 15 to Oct. 31. Cheap Homeseekers' rates in many directions first and third Tuesdays of each month. If you will call or write, it will be a pleasure to advise you about rates, train service, to reserve you a berth, and to try to make your trip a comfortable one. G. S. STEWART, Agent C. B. & Q. Ry.

**PERHAPS** You are just budding into manhood or womanhood. The affairs of business are beginning to confront you. Possibly you are at this time asking yourself "where shall I make my first deposit?" or "where shall I go to borrow a little money so much needed for the next few months?"

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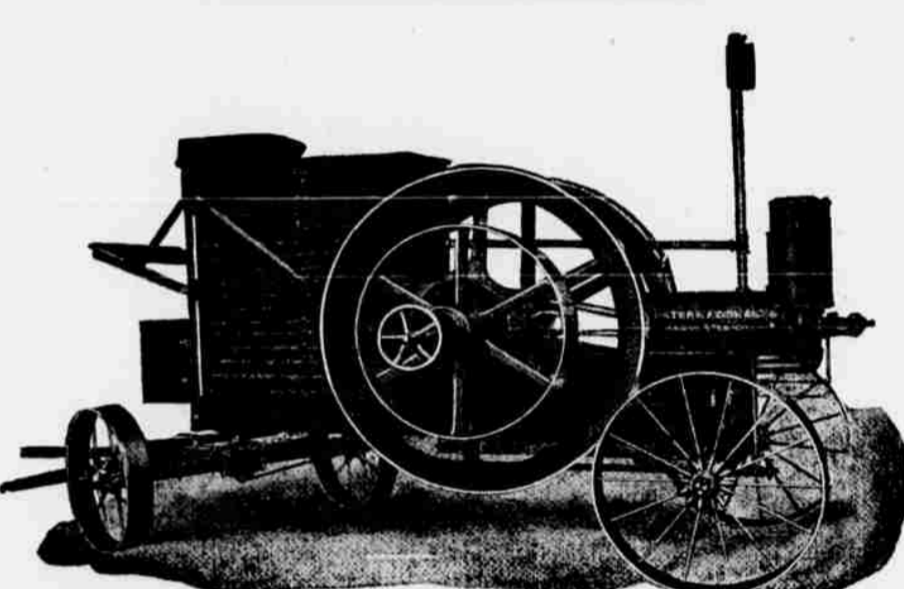
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