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TELEPHONE 226.

The fellow with a pleasant face and a kind word is the fellow who is worth while.

Before sending to the catalogue house compare the article and its price with the offering of your local merchant.

The way of the transgressor is hard. Senator Mitchell went to his death suffering the torments of a ruined reputation and the scorn of a just and righteous people.

The Tribune is receiving new subscriptions at a very satisfactory rate. We feel the paper is worth more than the price asked, but the day of the dollar a year weekly is at hand and The Tribune is in everything up to the time.

The holiday stocks of the local merchants are a revelation to those who have not visited Falls City for the past three weeks. Everything for everybody and at a living price is an inducement that should and will produce the largest holiday business ever done in the city.

During the recent campaign The Tribune published a prediction that a certain candidate would be elected by a large majority and requested the readers to stick a pin in the statement. Some one with a well developed sense of humor but who isn't at all backward about rubbing it in has sent us the extract with a nice new shiny pin sticking in it.

The attempt of young Martin to prevent merchants from selecting their own advertising mediums in order that the waning fortunes of the past tense Journal might be temporarily brightened, is about the cheapest piece of graft that has ever emanated from the holier than thou crowd.

Now that dress suits have received their initiation in Falls City, it is hoped that they will become universal among the male portion of the social set. Dress suits are for wear and the parties receptions and theaters should find them worn much more frequent than formerly.

We think the president has made a serious error in the dismissal of T. L. Matthews as United States marshal. Mr. Matthews is a high minded, honorable gentleman, and to submit him to the disgrace of dismissal without a hearing and for such trivial charges is not becoming the chief magistrate. We believe in the honesty of public service as sincerely as anybody. We also believe in a man having his day in court. The charge against Matthews arose out of the prosecution for fencing government lands. The government had gone to great expense to convict the Richards-Comstock people for violation of the statute with reference to such fencing. Upon conviction Judge Munger gave the wholly inadequate sentence of a \$300.00 and six hours in the custody of the marshal. Matthews depotized R. S. Hall to keep the defendants in custody for six hours and for doing so he is dismissed. The judge did not sentence the men to imprisonment, rather the sentence was to remain in the custody of the marshal; this sentence was carried out by Mr. Matthews. We do not know that any steps are being taken to have the president set aside his order, but from the facts it seems to us that a great wrong has been done one whom we know to be above misconduct either as a citizen or an official.

A public school is the most democratic institution in the republic. All conditions in life are represented and the child of the most humble citizen stands on an equal footing with the pampered offspring of the mighty. Under no other government could such an institution thrive, and without it America would be bereft of its greatest hope for perpetuity as a great nation.

We would especially warn our patrons that we are our own business agents. Any one not connected with this office who represents that he has authority to contract advertising space is a fraud and should be summarily turned down. We will make our own contracts and will refuse to recognize any contract not made by us. It is your privilege to decline our advertising columns if you so desire, but if want you to employ space in this paper this office will make its own contract with you.

Some of the young men of the Elks club have been growing a little chesty about their prowess as billiard players. The way W. H. Crook, George Abbott, Billy Wilson and Chas. Rickards took them down the line last Friday evening has taught them that there are others. The Tribune will wager a years subscription that George Abbott, W. H. Crook, Dr. Messler and Charlie Rickards can beat any four Elks in the city. Why not have such a contest.

C. F. Fordyce of the Kearney County News, published at Minden was a pleasant caller Monday. He was just returning from Kansas when he invested his surplus cash in farms. He learned his trade under John Barnhart of the Auburn Herald which accounts for his being able to see a surplus in the print business.

The Pacific Express Branch Office is located at O. H. Maddox's store three doors north of the Falls City State Bank. Please leave your packages there and they will be properly handled.

Roscoe Anderson, a genial attorney from Humboldt, was a business visitor to this city Monday. He has just become a Benedict and called to tell us of the pleasure of home life.

P. F. Schultz and wife who have been visiting with P. H. Jussen and wife returned to their home in North Dakota, Friday.

Bessie Bohrer and Nora Shaffer returned Friday from a three days visit with their cousin, Mrs. Sam Stewart at Reserve, Kansas.

Dr. J. L. Gandy of Humboldt was a caller at these quarters Tuesday. He removed faith in The Tribune for which he has our thanks.

Mrs. Taylor Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Anna Houtz of Verdon spent Monday in this city the guests of Will Price and family.

Mrs. George Hinton and daughter left Monday afternoon for Hiawatha to attend the funeral of her aunt Mrs. Amon.

Henry Wolff came up from Springfield, Mo., to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Matthew Hoffman.

Ed Hayes came up from St. Joseph to attend the Elks reception Friday night, returning on Saturday.

C. L. Marts and little son Glen of Wymore spent the first of the week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Marts in this city.

Master Albert Tanner of Humboldt spent Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents in this city.

Mrs. Margaret Saylor and son Oden of Verdon were business visitors here Monday.

Wash Minnick of Council Bluffs was through this city Monday while enroute for Hiawatha.

RARE STAMPS ON LETTERS

Finds of Value Sometimes Made—Stamps to Look Out For—Advice of a Dealer.

"Never burn up or throw away old letters or papers without first giving them a careful examination," said a Twenty-third street stamp dealer to a New York Sun reporter, "for there's many an apparently worthless piece of paper that bears a stamp which would bring in open market hundreds and maybe thousands of dollars.

"There are plenty of the old postmaster stamps still in existence, for instance, as there were a great many of them originally issued, and it has not been so long ago, say 55 years, when they were in active use. Now, any one of these early issues is worth from \$300 up. Anyone who has access to old correspondence from 1840 to 1865 ought to hunt for such stamps.

"The chief reason why many of these old stamps have not come to light is probably that they have so ordinary and unattractive an appearance that a person not acquainted with their value would not waste a second glance upon them. They were very similar in most cases to the postmaster cancellation marks now in use in the post offices, with the exception that the postmaster was required to sign his name to them.

"The rarest of the whole lot of postmaster issues is the ten-cent Baltimore stamp, with the name of James M. Buchanan. One specimen of this stamp sold for \$4,500, which is the record price for a stamp of the United States issue. There's no reason in the world why there shouldn't be more of these stamps packed away somewhere. In the case of this stamp none of them was used on envelopes, but all on letters.

"The design of the Baltimore stamp is a box made of hairline rule, one and a half inches long and half an inch wide. In the center is the signature, 'James M. Buchanan,' while under the name is the denomination, either five or ten cents. There are two kinds of these stamps, in black or blue. The ten-cent black is the scarcer.

"Next to this series probably comes the New Haven stamp, at the bottom of which is the signature of 'E. A. Mitchell, P. M.' In the center is the figure 5 with the word 'Paid' directly underneath. At the top are the words 'Post Office, New Haven, Ct.' The words are all inclosed in a black border with a small curve at the corners."

PARSON BIRD IN ZEALAND.
The Tui of That Country Can Talk, Crow and Whistle—Some of Its Customs.

Among the feathered inhabitants of New Zealand there is a bird called the parson bird, or "tui." It is about the size and shape of a blackbird, but has a pair of delicate white tufts at its throat, and is a glossy dark green otherwise, which looks black in the sunshine. It can be taught to crow, to speak, to whistle tunes, and besides these tricks it has a repertoire which is not often equaled by any other feathered songster. At vesper it has a note like the tone of a bell or the clear high note of an organ. It can mimic every bird in the bush to perfection; it will break off in the middle of an exquisite melody and indulge in a strange medley of sounds which are impossible to describe, but if you can imagine "the combination of a cough, a laugh, a sneeze, with the smashing of a pane of glass," it will be some approach to the idea.

The tui nests twice or thrice a year, and has large families. Like the other birds of New Zealand it seems to be unconscious of danger from man. It is a pity that the birds of this island are becoming so scarce, for they speak to us of a time when nature was harmless, when the snake, tigers and falcons did not exist.

Counsel's Record Fee.
What is probably a record fee has just been earned by a distinguished counsel in an important colonial arbitration case. The fee paid to the learned counsel was 25,000 guineas. This puts into the shade the 10,000 guineas Mr. Fletcher Moulton received for conducting the case of one of the companies in the Metropolitan Water company's arbitration.

F. W. CLEVELAND

ANNOUNCEMENT

I was enabled to purchase AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES, the CHAS. B. HOFFMAN STOCK, consisting of the finest and most up-to-date GENTS FURNISHINGS in this city. This Stock of Goods was purchased at a figure so low that none of my competitors are in a position to offer you such bargains.

Read this ad through and see if you are buying your goods at the following prices--

- Are you buying Elgin \$1.25 shirts at 75c?
- Are you buying Elgin 75c dress shirts at 50c?
- Are you buying best heavy 50c working Shirts at 40c?
- Are you buying heaviest fleeced underwear at 75c per suit?
- Are you buying \$5.00 Duck Coats at \$1.50?
- Are you buying \$12.00 Overcoats at \$7.50?
- Are you buying \$20.00 Hersh Wickerwire suits at \$13.50?
- Are you buying \$15.00 Suits at \$10.00?
- Are you buying \$12.00 suits at \$8.00?
- Are you buying \$10.00 suits at \$6.00?
- Are you buying \$8.00 suits at \$5.00?

In other words, are you taking advantage of this sale and these here-to-fore unheard of low prices?

If not, why not?

It will pay you to call and see these goods at these prices.

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FALLS CITY NEBRASKA

Sydney Lapp was a St. Joseph visitor Saturday.

Sam Drake went to Verdon the first of the week.

R. S. Molony of Humboldt was in this city Tuesday.

Wm. Harnack returned to Verdon last Tuesday.

Leon Glines made a business trip to Verdon on Tuesday.

Dr. Kent was a business visitor in Verdon Tuesday afternoon.

Wm. Albright, Jr. was on the sick list the first of the week.

Lewis Moore of Humboldt was the guest of Falls City friends Tuesday.

Little Otho Watson was numbered on the sick list during the week.

Clara Laughrey of Verdon spent Saturday with friends in this city.

Guy Harper was an M. P. passenger for Verdon on Tuesday afternoon.

T. T. Ross returned the first of the week from a business trip to Georgia.

Mrs. Grant Sperry returned Tuesday from a brief visit at Barnard, Mo.

Mr. Duff was numbered among the evening dress guests at the Elks reception last Friday.

Mrs. T. T. Ross returned Sunday from a two weeks visit with relatives in Arapahoe, Nebraska.

Wash Minnick of Council Bluffs spent several days of this week visiting old friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Easley of Kansas City spent several days during this week the guest of E. F. Sharts and wife.

W. C. Sloan, wife and little son spent Saturday with her parents Sheriff Hossack and wife in this city.

Our Saving Plan

This bank inaugurated a Childrens Department and will open a bank account with any boy or girl, in his or her own name. You can open an account with a Dollar upwards. These deposits will draw interest at the rate of 4 per cent and are limited to children under the age of eighteen. The older folks will find our interest bearing Time Certificates of Deposit. Just the thing for them. These accounts mean a good deal of extra work for us but if by this means we succeed in encouraging the child in self denial and the proper use of money, we shall feel well repaid for the extra work. Parents should encourage their children in the act of saving along the lines suggested by this bank.

FALLS CITY STATE BANK



CHRISTMAS COMFORT

Is what you want included in "Good Chree" for the day. There is nothing that brings as much cheer into the household in Wintry weather as a bright glowing, genial fire and you can always get it with Carney Egg Coal at \$6.50 per ton, we also have plenty of good anthracite coal on hand at reasonable prices. We will send it to your order, clean and of high grade quality.

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