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BRIDGE BUILDING.

The Falls City Journal is still venting its spite on the Gilligan company and, as usual, is making false comparisons and utterly untruthful statements. It takes a small wooden bridge built under the supervision of the county and shows a saving of about 25 per cent over the Gilligan contract. The truth of the matter is that the bridge as specified in the proposal of the county and upon which bids were received and acted upon cannot be built for the sum stated in the Journal.

The Journal knows from personal experience that the Gilligan company has given this county better service in the way of bridge building than it has ever received from any other source.

Once upon a time young Frank Martin drew the salary as county attorney in this county. It is true that he did not try a single case for the county either civil or criminal while in office, but he did make a personal inspection of all county bridges built by the Gilligan company. Don't for a minute believe that he did this in the interest of the tax-payer, not he, what he did was in the hopes of hurting the company just as he and his crowd are trying to hurt it now. This examination proved that every bridge was built exactly in accordance with the specifications of the county. In other words it was honest work.

The Gilligan company like all other business institutions expects a profit on its work, but the profit on the Richardson county work under the present contract will not exceed ten per cent. Is that unreasonable?

The county spends but comparatively little money on wooden bridges, and how the supervisors will build a steel bridge and save any money is a mystery to those who know anything about the business.

One county in this state tried it last year. It killed one man and broke the leg of another. It paid more than seven thousand dollars to pay the damages. If a contractor had done the work he would have been responsible for the damage.

But the Journal says that the Gilligan company will make seven or eight thousand dollars out of its contract if permitted to do the work. The Journal is liable to be called as a witness in a law suit.

The county called for bids for this year's work. Several companies bid and the Gilligan company bid lowest. The contract was awarded to the Gilligan company by a vote of five to two. The next day this contract was signed up by the Gilligan company and the county and was sealed and delivered.

Now under the management of Bill McCray instigated by the Martins this contract is ignored even though it says that the company shall build and repair all bridges for the next year.

If the Gilligan company should sue the county for damages for the breach of this contract it can prove by the Journal, if anybody would believe them, that it has been damaged seven or eight thousand dollars.

The Journal says, see your supervisor, tell him to be against the Gilligan company. Help us destroy a worthy Falls City institution. We have it in for the company, for many reasons, among others it employs the wrong attorney.

There is not a business man in

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this county who does not know that if he makes a contract, signs it and delivers it, he must either fulfill it or pay damages to the injured party for not doing it. There is not a business man in this county who would refuse to abide by his contract and suffer loss thereby simply because the Martins have it in for the other party to the contract.

The Journal seems to want a lawsuit and therefore calls upon the tax payers to watch the supervisors. The Journal never loses out when the county has a lawsuit. It finally got in on the Constantine case. It will contrive to get in on this case if one is brought. It never loses sight of the main chance.

The tax payers of this county should tell their supervisors to obey the obligations of its contract, to keep out of law suits and not to encourage litigation simply because a venomous, malicious crowd are for personal reasons seeking the destruction of an enemy.

There is not a fair minded man in the county that wants anyone to work for the county without receiving a fair wage. A laborer is always worthy of his hire and his hire should include a fair and reasonable profit. This applies to every character of work done for the county. We make the assertion now that there is not a merchant who sells supplies to the county who does not make a greater profit than the Gilligan company in building bridges. The Falls City Journal makes three times as much profit on the printing it is doing for the county than would be made under the bridge contract. To buy the necessary tools, pile drivers, etc., that would be necessary to build steel bridges would cost the county more than the Gilligan company would make on the annual contract. This war of the Journal is merely a personal war. It is indicative only of the enmity felt by the Martins towards certain individuals. They are calling upon those outside towns that are more or less antagonistic to Falls City to assist them in destroying a worthy Falls City institution, which if attempted will get the county in a wasting and expensive law suit and which will surely terminate against the county.

The railroads would stand better with the people if their political managers had an ounce of sagacity. The idea of trying to get the republican legislators in a senatorial caucus after the action of the state convention has committed every honorable republican, and seeking a secret ballot in order that the will of the people may be overthrown and dishonest men shielded from their own wrong thereby, is one of those fool political moves that the railroad has been making with such frequency of late. Such conduct as this tends only to embitter the people against railroads in politics and indicates the necessity of getting a few sensible men at the head of railroad policies.

If the county is to build its own bridges why not establish a printing plant and do its own printing? It would save a great deal more proportionately under its present contract than it would in building its own bridges. The county officers use a large number of books and records, why not establish a plant to make these? It buys many supplies from merchants to feed its poor, why not get these from the catalogue houses as Bill McCray suggests? Of course the goods will be inferior and the catalogue houses pay no taxes here, but then Bill is a reformer you know. Why not cut and haul its own wood and keep the profit away from the poor fellow who sells the wood burnt at the court house? This live and let live policy is all wrong anyway. Why not save the janitor's work? There are a number of ways of saving money if you will only look for them. Of course such methods may cause institutions that are valuable to the town and county to seek other localities and pay taxes elsewhere, but if it saves a few dollars at the spigot what do we care what happens to the bung.

Certain railroad strikers are still fighting Norris Brown. The scheme now is to have the republican legislators hold a caucus and determine by secret ballot who shall be elected United States senator. It is hoped and believed that no Richardson county member will consent to any such deal. We don't want any secret ballots. Our men must vote in the open, not alone because it is right but for their own protection. No caucus is required on senator and none should be held. The republican party had a caucus at the state convention and nominated Brown. This action the people indorsed and gave Mr. Brown the largest vote of any man on the ticket. No further caucuses are necessary. The republican members owe to themselves and their party to elect Mr. Brown without secret ballots or caucuses.

To read some of the papers one would think the average corporation is worse than the pestilence. Because certain corporate evils have been exposed and punished the people seem to have grown somewhat hysterical and are pounding all corporations simply because they are corporations. The thing seems to be carried a bit too far and will probably re-act. The best thing for a man in public life to have is sanity, for if he is minus a balance wheel he will work things too hard and impose on worthy institutions from an exaggerated idea of the desires of the people. The American public loves fair play even towards corporations.

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BUSTER BROWN



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RESPECTFULLY,

FALLS CITY,
NEBRASKA **SAMUEL WAHL**

If you want to read the most fascinating romance about the ten of hearts don't fail to read Hearts and Masks soon to begin in this paper.

Secretaries Shaw and Root in their speeches before the Trans-Mississippi congress called sharp attention to the needs of a merchant marine. The speech of Secretary Root was a luminous dissertation on the possibilities of the South American trade. He showed in a convincing way the marvelous resources of South America that are totally undeveloped. He said 1,176 European ships entered the harbor of the largest South American city last year while not one from the United States entered. Because so few ships sail from this country to that, all mail from the United States to South America is carried by way of Liverpool. Because we have no merchant marine practically all of their trade goes to Europe. Last year the United States sold but 11 per cent of the goods imported in South America.

Mr. Root said further that the trade of South America would be greater than the trade of the entire orient. Yet here we are, the natural protector of their republics, living closer to them than any other country and getting but 11 per cent of their trade merely because we have no merchant marine to carry our goods to them.

Tea and Bazaar.

The members of St. Martha's Guild will give a ten cent tea at the home of Judge Wilhite next Wednesday, December 5th, from 5 to 8 o'clock. In connection with the tea there will be a fancy work bazaar and all the articles are hand made and inexpensive. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

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