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Graft.

The Journal is busily engaged in bowling graft. The Martins are experts on graft. They know it when they see it and their statements along that line are no doubt given great credence by the burdened public. Well why shouldn't they know the ins and outs of a graft, they have spent their lives making it a study. But a short time ago they were sending out a prospectus setting forth the riches that were in store for those who cared to take stock in a mine that had carefully been inspected by Mr. Tom Martin, an expert along that line. They are at the head of a stock food that any farmer can get the same or a better formula for preparing, free from the government. Last but not least they are now busily engaged scratching Bill McCray's back trying to trade him the stock food receipt for a bridge contract.

Graft you bet, that whole family can define that word to a frazzle. The head of the family and the real editor of the old Journal, is a finished adept in the science of graft. Noting the smooth way he slips himself into a case where he can hold up the county for a fee, as for instance the Constantine and the Bode cases, and others too numerous to mention.

Elk's Memorial.

One of the most beautiful and impressive services ever given in this city was the Elk memorial held at the Opera house Sunday afternoon. All over the United States the Elk lodges meet on the first Sunday in December to hold memorials for departed members and in conformity with this custom the local lodge invited this community to join with them in such service last Sunday. Promptly at three o'clock the lodge members in a body filed into the opera house to the strains of a march played by Guy Greenwald with a richness of touch and feeling that surprised even his friends. The officers, speakers and singers occupied the stage while the lodge members were seated in the auditorium. The opening services were excellently conducted under the able leadership of Simon Davies master of the lodge. After "Nearer my God to Thee" was sung by a double quartette composed of Peter Kaiser, D. D. Reavis, George Holt, Simon Davies, George Hall, Fred Keller, Dr. Roberts and Ned Towle, Hon. E. C. Page of the Omaha lodge delivered an excellent address. Mr. Page reviewed the purposes and intentions of the organization and gave our people their first clear understanding of the lodge. The speaker was listened to with close attention and keen interest. The quartette then sang "Remember now thy Creator," after which C. F. Reavis spoke of the life and services of William Jenne, the only deceased member of the local order. After another song by the quartette and the closing exercises of the lodge Rev. Cline pronounced the benediction and the large audience dispersed.

Born.

A son arrived at the home of Paul Weaver and wife, early Tuesday morning of this week, December 4th. The little one has been named after his esteemed grandfather, the Hon. A. J. Weaver. Dr. Miner reports both mother and child as doing nicely.

Trade Builders.

We business men of the smaller towns discuss pro and con the reasons for the increased amount of trade that is annually drifting from us. Do we ever try to solve the problem as to just how this is accomplished by the larger concerns all over this land of ours? I think all have given this matter a great deal of attention and in the end given it up without a satisfactory solution.

There are numerous causes for this drifting trade that properly belongs in the home town. As people prosper they naturally become more independent and selfish. They forget the kind acts that the home merchants did for them when they really were in need of a credit basis. That is so long ago that they have outlived their gratitude. Then I can afford something better and entirely different than Mrs. Jones got down town the other day and if I send to the city for it no one else in town will have one just like it. A thousand such reasons might be named for the drifting of our trade.

The fact that it is drifting and that the habit is growing will be denied by no casual observer. Now who is getting this surplus? The wide awake business men who are pushing for it. How do they do this successfully? By systematically and eternally advertising their wares.

There is not a successful merchant today who will not give due credit to advertising as the key to his successful business career. Heads of department stores figure an increased amount for advertising every year. It pays them or they would not do it. They think just as much of their dollar as does the smaller merchant.

The time has passed into the dark ages when you can sit in your store and expect your share of the trade without giving the public an invitation through the columns of the papers to call and examine your stock. Your neighbor is pushing his business to the front in that way and will certainly interest some who have been trading with you.

Can you as a business man name one in your personal knowledge that went after trade in any community with systematic advertising that failed to get it? He is always the leader in his community. He gets the trade because he is eternally soliciting it and if he has business tact and ability he holds it.

We are sorry to state that this city has a few business men within her borders whose name in the local papers in connection with a neat appeal for a share of the trade, would probably cause them to have a fit. They never thought of such a thing. Yet these same men will tell you that trade is not as good in Falls City as it was a few years ago. We wonder why! Is it not possible that the fellow who has been asking persistently for a share of the trade has finally captured some one else's portion?

Falls City is the best town in the state of her size and yet the merchants are certainly lacking along this line. We will call your attention to just one town and a much poorer business point than this, and cite you to the Gilmore-Armstrong store in that city. An army of help is constantly busy. Ask the head of that concern the secret of their success and if he does not

WHO GOT IT?

The Gilligan Bridge Company denies that it ever did \$21,000 worth of work for this county in one year or ever drew any such sum from the county treasury. The only record The Journal has to go by is the record of claims allowed and warrants drawn at the County Clerk's Office. Any taxpayer can go and examine it himself and he will find that the following claims were filed and allowed to the Gilligan Bridge Company during the year 1905:

January 1, 1905	\$ 1596.00	Warrant No. 1
January 1, 1905	4136.40	Warrant No. 2
June 16, 1905	2940.99	Warrant No. 5
June 16, 1905	3772.15	Warrant No. 6
October 3, 1905	3040.81	Warrant No. 43
December 13, '05	6324.00	Warrant No. 43
	\$ 21810.35	—Falls City Journal.

The above is taken from the last issue of the Journal, and, as usual with that paper, is a statement entirely false.

The accounts have been checked by several persons, each of whom arrives at the same total.

We hereby give the statement of O. W. Brown, a gentleman who has had years of experience in such matters and who has no interest in the controversy:

"I hereby certify that I have made an examination of the accounts of The John Gilligan Company with Richardson county during the year 1905. I examined the claims allowed by the county board and checked these claims with the warrant register and they agreed exactly. The amount of money drawn by the Gilligan company during the year 1905 was \$17,871.64. Of this amount one claim of \$2,827.50 was filed Nov. 19, 1904; one claim of \$1,596.00 was filed Jan. 1, 1905; and one claim of \$2,922.00 was filed Jan. 5, 1905, making a total of \$7,345.50 which is a part of the money drawn in 1905 that was for work done in 1904.

Consequently, the money the Gilligan Company received in 1905 for work done in 1905 was but \$10,526.14."

O. W. Brown.
The above exposure is sufficient to convince every minded man that the Journal is actuated by malice and enmity in its effort to destroy a worthy local institution.

tell you that it was largely through the liberal use of printers ink, The Tribune will make you a present of a column for the next six months so that you can test the matter yourself.

This is the only one of a number of pushing firms in that town and all are making it pay. If you have never tried it surprise yourself once.

The Eiks Dance.

The dancing party given by the Elk lodge last Friday night was one of the most enjoyable of the winter's events. Every thing possible was done to enhance the enjoyment of the evening and everything was in perfect taste.

Prof. Harnack was given carte blanche in the selection of an orchestra, and with his own orchestra augmented by some excellent musicians from Hiawatha the music was all that could be desired. Panch and supper were served to the two hundred guests and each lady was presented with carnations. A large number of visiting guests were present from Hiawatha, Stella, Howe and Auburn. Taken as a whole the party was most enjoyable and the young men responsible for it are entitled to the congratulations of the many who enjoyed their hospitality.

City Council Meets.

The members of the city council met on Monday evening, four answering to roll call. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was carried that the dog tax which had been collected to the amount of seven dollars, be refunded to the paying parties and that no more dog taxes be collected for the remainder of the municipal year. The auditing committee having audited the following claims, it was carried that warrants be drawn for the amount:

Water fund	\$ 407.70
Electric Light fund	372.18
General '06 fund	393.26
General '05 fund	228.64
Dog tax	7.00

Council then adjourned till their next regular meeting night.

Stabbing at Shubert.

A cutting affray of serious proportions occurred in Shubert Saturday evening. Sim Weddle and Frank Holstein had a wordy difficulty on Friday evening but nothing serious resulted. On Saturday evening Weddle with a few companions were walking down the street in Shubert when Holstein suddenly appeared and stabbed Weddle in the shoulder. Holstein immediately ran with Weddle in pursuit. They met again in a moment and Weddle struck Holstein. At this place Weddle was stabbed twice in the leg, one gash requiring thirteen stitches to close. The men were separated and Weddle taken to the doctor's office where he fainted from loss of blood. It was with great difficulty that his life was saved as his exhaustion from excessive bleeding bordered on complete collapse. At this writing the injured man is very weak but his ultimate recovery is expected.

Died.

James Volver Prine quietly passed away from this earthly life on the afternoon of December 4th, at the home of Samuel Edgar. The deceased was born in Pennsylvania, seventy-five years ago, lately moving to this state. For several years he resided in Barada, but recently coming to Falls City. Funeral services were held at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at Barada, interment being in charge of Reavis & Abbey.

Frightens Horses.

On Saturday afternoon just as passenger train No. 17 was pulling out from the station, a team of horses which had been hitched to a nearby rack, but which the owner untied a few minutes before, became frightened and turning suddenly around started off eastward. The two men occupants of the buggy were thrown out but were unharmed. The team was caught in the orchard just east of Mr. Wilcox's eating house and the damage was very slight.

Society News.

Mrs. Frank Reavis received over fifty of her lady friends at her home on Wednesday afternoon. Every effort had been made by the hostess for the enjoyment of her guests. The house was profusely decorated for the occasion. In the reception room the fire-place and mantel were banked with ferns and carnations. At the coffee booth in the sitting room, holly, American beauty roses and smilax prevailed, while in the dining room, red carnations were everywhere in evidence. Each guest was given a souvenir of a bunch of English violets. Elegant light refreshments were served by Mesdames T. J. Gist, Maud Wigton and James Pickett. Mrs. D. D. Reavis and Mrs. E. H. Towle poured coffee and Mrs. Isham Reavis, Mrs. W. W. Abbey and Miss Minnie Neff assisted in receiving the guests.

The Shakespeare Club met with Mrs. H. P. Miner Tuesday afternoon, with an average attendance. The usual interesting lesson was recited. The play, "Merchant of Venice," now being studied by the club, will be finished by January 1, when "Macbeth" will be begun. December 18, the club will meet with Mrs. Isham Reavis.

The Womans Club held an especially pleasant and profitable meeting at the home of Miss Margaret Steele, Tuesday afternoon. After the transaction of business, followed by an enjoyable vocal solo by Miss Edna Crook, the literature department took charge of the program. The last of a series devoted to the study of French government, life and art. Mrs. J. C. Tanner, leader of the department, conducted a study of the rulers of France, based on questions by Mrs. Thomas Martin. A very entertaining paper entitled "Stories of French People," by Miss Lois Spencer, was read by Mrs. Maud Davis, and a brief but clear general view of French Sculpture, written by Miss Lapp, was read by Miss Banks. Miss Steele read a well prepared and interesting paper on French Cathedrals.

December 18, at the next meeting of the club, at the home of Mrs. Fred Farrington, the music department will give a Rubenstein program.

The ladies of the W. R. C. planned a very effective surprise party on Mrs. L. Mauger, on Tuesday evening the occasion being her birthday. The social affairs given by these ladies are always pleasant ones and are thoroughly enjoyed by every guest. At this time the ladies presented Mrs. Mauger with several beautiful gifts as a reminder of their good wishes. Light refreshments were served.

The M. E. Kensington members and a number of guests were pleasantly entertained by the Misses Cora Plumb, Bessie Arnold, Maud Maddox and Myrtle Ramel, at the home of the former on Wednesday afternoon. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all present. Mrs. Roberts and Miss Richers gave several instrumental and vocal solos which were greatly enjoyed by all. A dainty two course luncheon was served.

Gertrude and Grace Lyford entertained a large number of their friends on Tuesday evening of the past week, at their spacious home on Lane street. Games, music and refreshments were among the pleasant features of the evening. The prizes were

quite original articles, the first prize being a large pumpkin pie and the consolation prize being a very small pumpkin pie.

Ruth McMillan entertained the members of the H. S. M. C. and D. D. clubs at a Kensington on Saturday afternoon, in a most charming manner.

The Presbyterian Kensington members were pleasantly entertained at the elegant home of Mrs. Conrad Brecht, on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Brecht was assisted as hostess, by Mesdames Inskeep, Leister and Hill. All of these ladies are charming entertainers and Thursday afternoons social event was one of the most pleasant of this seasons affairs. The refreshments were among the enjoyable features of the afternoons pleasures.

A number of the young folks enjoyed a social dance at the Bode hall Thursday evening.

Mrs. Orville Schoenheit entertained at whist on Tuesday afternoon, the same being in the form of a farewell party for Mrs. Will Julian, of Long Beach, California. About thirty ladies were present and six tables were kept busy with this entertaining past-time. After the elegant supper which was served, Mrs. Robert Cain, jr of Stella, favored the guests with a vocal solo while Mrs. Julian rendered a farewell recitation. Mrs. Jussen won the first prize which was a dozen beautiful carnations. Mesdames Himmelreich and Schmelzel cut for the consolation prize, the former winning it.

The St. Martha's Guild members gave a very successful tea and bazaar on Wednesday evening, at the home of Judge Wilhite.

Odda Lapp entertained a few friends at cards on Tuesday evening. The pleasures of the evening were many.

The ladies aid society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Davison this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Lyford will entertain a number of their friends at an At Home, this evening and a very pleasant time is anticipated by the guests, to be.

The Young Married Ladies Kensington club met with Mrs. Fred Keller yesterday afternoon and aside from a pleasant time, accomplished much in the line of needle-work.

Meeting of School Board.

The members of the school board met on Monday evening last. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and their approval, the report for November of Supt. E. L. Tobie was read, which is as follows:

Whole number of pupils enrolled, 689; new pupils, 15; total remaining, 635; average attendance, 584; per cent attended, 95.4; per cent punctual, 99.9; cases truancy, 8; visitors, 40.

Next was read the report of Treasurer Uhlig, after which the board adjourned to meet the following afternoon at the office of Dr. Mathers. Five were present at this meeting. Several bills were ordered paid and after a brief discussion, a two weeks vacation was ordered during the holidays. Board then adjourned till their next regular meeting night.

Belle Corn and H. O. Dorian came down from Humboldt yesterday morning to attend the marriage of Miss Mary Chaffin and Lute Skalak, which occurred at the Court house in this city. L. C. Edwards was also one of the witnesses of the ceremony.