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## The Contest.

The voting for the splendid library to be given away by several of our local merchants and The Tribune is getting very spirited. The Odd Fellows and Elks are in the lead but the convent and the library have made wonderful gains in the last week and will bear watching. Through an unfortunate mistake we credited the Presbyterian church votes to the Preston church last week, but proper credit is given this week.

The following is the vote up to Tuesday night:

Elks	12,014
I. O. O. F.	12,206
Convent	7,331
Library	3,092
High School	2,407
Central school	2,089
Presbyterian church	1,375
Highlanders	1,179
Christian church	709
Knights & Ladies	534
W. O. W.	610
A. O. U. W.	1,037
M. W. A.	509
Zion church	736
Brethren church	442
K. of P.	424
M. E. church	393
School district No. 23	161
School district No. 79	44
Verdon high school	110
School district No. 78	12
School district No. 30	22
School district No. 24	10
Preston church	139
Business college	74
Evangelical church	42
Redmen	60
Woodman Circle	15
School district No. 33	43
School district No. 77	97
School district No. 71	16
School district No. 2	17
School district No. 81	52
School district No. 3	13
School district No. 49	10
School district No. 4	17
School district No. 29	17
School district No. 25	24
School district No. 83	6
School district No. 74	8
School district No. 86	35
School district No. 26	25
School district No. 61	15
School district Five Points	2
School district No. 27	10
A. F. A. M.	484
Band	61
Degree of Honor	37
Royal Highlanders	931
Epworth League	30
St. Peters church	10
Lutheran church	102
Baptist church	90
M. E. church, Barada	440
Royal Neighbors, Reserve, Ks.	100
Catholic church	2
Barlan school	4
Redmen, Fargo	4

## Golden Wedding.

Tomorrow night Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Gist will celebrate their Golden wedding at their home in Salem. On the Twenty seventh day of January, 1857, Silas Preston Gist and Margaret Black were married in Monroe county, Kentucky. Very early in their married life the young couple moved to Nebraska and settled on a farm in this county. By hard work on the part of both and frugal management of their slender resources they gained their start, until today Mr. Gist is numbered among our wealthiest men and he and his good wife among our most respected people. The Tribune congratulates them and their family upon this auspicious occasion and tenders its best wishes for the future.

## Horse Badly Cut.

While coming to this city last Thursday afternoon, the horse Milton Firquins was driving, became frightened near the Freeing crossing and ran away. Mr. Firquins was thrown from the buggy but aside from a few bruises, was not severely injured. The horse was badly cut from running into a large hedge fence.

Mrs. E. E. Metz entertained at her home in this city this afternoon. Refreshments were served.

## The Old Homestead.

The play given at The Gehling last Friday evening under the auspices of the Elk Lodge, was very successful in every detail. The committee on arrangements spared no work in their efforts to please their patrons and are to be congratulated.

"The Old Homestead," as a novel has ever been extremely popular, and the drama is equally so. Mr. Huse N. Morgan, the leading character, did his part successfully in the training and management, and as a result the large audience were more than pleased. Nelle Cain has enjoyed well deserved success in her public efforts and this time rendered her part to perfection. Nelle Snyder was also equally a success, as was Mrs. Will Crook, Charlotte Culp as "Aunt Tilda," and Edna Crook as "Little Tot" won honors galore.

Mr. Morgan has played in this city before and needs no other commendation. James Jellison should receive an appointment on the "force." Roy Heacock, "bah jove" made a star play throughout, while Ed Hays was right at home. Abe Yoder did himself proud and R. C. James was quite a favorite, being Johnny on the spot where Tilda was. Will Crook should try stage life hereafter.

Geo. Hall, in behalf of the Elk Lodge, extended a vote of thanks to the Elk quartette and to the public.

## Assessors Appointed.

The following deputy assessors were named by County Assessor Jörn last week:

Speiser Township, A. E. Bacon.
Humboldt Township, F. M. Boss.
Franklin Township, P. O. Avery.
Nemaha Township, Frank Smith.
Grant Township, George Smith.
Porter Township, Francis Withee.
Salem Township, T. L. Snyder.
Liberty Township, Vincent Arnold.
Muddy Township, H. W. Lowe.
Falls City Township, W. P. Fergus.
Ohio Township, George C. Goolsby.
Barada Township, G. W. Duerfeldt.
Jefferson Township, John Weinert.
Rulo Township, Clement Davis.
Humboldt City, E. C. Colhapp.
Falls City, (city) J. L. Cleaver.
Arago Township, H. J. Kloepfel.
Office deputy, Anna Jörn.

## High School Band.

The organization of a band in our high school is quite an innovation for Falls City. But the idea itself is not a new one, that is in the sense of originating in Falls City, many schools having in the past couple of years adopted the plan. And it is being urged with much vigor by public school educators as they believe that the band can be made an influence for great good, chiefly because of its help in attaching the "big boy" to the school in that respect even rivaling athletics or at least being its close second, both cultivating love and pride in the local school.

Supt. Tobie and Prof. Spencer have taken great interest in the organization of this band and have been indefatigable in their efforts for its success. We hope that all who are interested in the school or in music will give to our band the glad hand of recognition and hearty encouragement.

## Society News.

Mesdames O. J. McNall and O. P. Heck entertained the ladies of the First Christian church at the home of the former with a Kensington on Thursday afternoon of this week from 3 to 5. Dainty refreshments were served.

The Epworth League very pleasantly entertained about fifty guests at the beautiful home of T. H. Plumb and wife in the north part of town on Monday evening. The evening was spent in playing progressive dominoes, Miss Mason and Roy Hanna tying for first honors by winning eight marks out of a possible nine. Lunch was then served, after which the guests departed all feeling that the evening had been well spent.

The members of the German hall entertained on last Monday evening. A short program was rendered and refreshments were served. Dancing was the feature of the evening.

The members of the E. A. needle club met at the home of H. Sandolt on Tuesday last. After an amount of fancy work and a social time an elegant luncheon was served. The next meeting will be at the home of O. P. Heck next Tuesday evening, Miss Wissman as hostess.

Sorosis met on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 23, at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Hargrave. There was a good attendance and the usual interesting program. Words, American and British, by Mrs. Chas. Wilson first claimed attention. She gave a list of words peculiar to each, entirely unlike yet expressing the same meaning; also a number of words the misuse of which is very common. A paper on American Homes, by Mrs. Schock was most excellent and full of thought. A discussion followed. A Nevada Romance, an original story read by Mrs. Banks was worthy of a larger audience. The Kingdom of the Mind, a recitation most touchingly rendered by Mrs. Gilligan was a perfect completion of the program. During the usual social half hour dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. George Jennings entertained the members of the L. B. T. club on Monday in honor of her guest, Mrs. Maple, of Chicago. This organization flourished here several years ago, and there are at present eight members residing here. A delightful afternoon was spent in doing fancy work. Refreshments were served.

Chas. Hargrave and wife celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary last Saturday evening by entertaining about thirty friends at whist. The guests gathered at the home of Joe Varner and wife at 8 o'clock and proceeded to the home of the bride and groom. A noisy, if not a musical charivari was in order before entering. The evening passed quickly and pleasantly. At its close Fred Brecht was presented a large tin horn for having won the most whist games, while Mrs. P. S. Heacock was given the ladies prize, a tin tea set. Refreshments, for which an entire tin service was used, completed the evening's program. The host and hostess received many useful gifts in tin, besides the sincere congratulations and best wishes of their guests.

Mrs. W. H. Keeling entertained a large party at whist last Thursday afternoon. This

fascinating game seems never to have been so popular in Falls City as it is this winter. Five tables were used on this afternoon and it proved a very pleasant party. Refreshments were served.

The tournament whist club held its first meeting at the home of Joseph Varner and wife last night. All of the old members were in attendance and a royal time was enjoyed. It is the intention of the club to meet each week during the winter. The scores of all games will be preserved and the "high man" at the end of the season gets a prize. Joe Varner and Ned Towle are barred from the contest.

Fourteen young ladies chartered a hack on Monday evening and drove to the pretty rural home of Mrs. Ed Steele where they took her completely unawares. In a very few minutes she had recovered from the surprise and proved a most charming hostess. Miss Divan of Washington was the guest of honor.

The ladies of the Methodist church gave one of their famous chicken pie suppers on Tuesday evening in the basement of the M. E. church. A large crowd was in attendance, making the affair most successful.

The Royal Neighbors of America initiated a large number of candidates on Wednesday evening, after which a social time was enjoyed.

The members of the young ladies whist club were pleasantly entertained by Clara Tanner and Odda Lapp, at the home of the former on Tuesday evening.

About fifteen couples enjoyed a dance at the Wahl hall Wednesday evening.

Richardson council K. & L. of S. gave a necktie social, supper and dance at the Wahl hall last Tuesday evening.

The members of council 610, Knights and Ladies of Security enjoyed a very pleasant social time last Thursday evening, after the routine work was completed.

Twelve of the younger members of the council had the program in charge, and it was one of pleasure to all. The first number, My Sweet Venetian Rose, was a serenade. A balcony had been erected at the east end of the hall, and here a Venetian girl listened to the serenade of a Noble. The chorus of five girls, in a rose and ribbon dance, added to the pretty scene.

The second number was a recital by Miles Crook, which was so entertaining that he was forced to respond to an encore. This was followed by one of the best numbers of the evening by Hazel Prater and Marguerite Rowley in The Lightning Exchange Artists. Frank Hoppe then rendered in a pleasing manner. The Auction Sale. The next number of the program was a mock Divorce Trial, which was a charming novelty in originality, wit and humor.

An instrumental solo by Minnie Macomber completed the program after which an elegant four course supper was served. Fruit punch was served during the evening.

Mrs. Sandusky entertained a number of friends at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Geo. Jennings entertained on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. G. W. Holland was host-

ess to a number of her friends on Thursday afternoon.

On last Friday evening Irene Wachtel entertained a number of her young girl friends at her home in the east part of the city. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and listening to phonograph selections. Dainty refreshments were served.

Lela Powell entertained a party of friends on Wednesday evening in honor of her cousin, Roy Metz, of Sabetha. Games and refreshments made a pleasant evening for the young people.

## Obituary.

Richard Baker was born June 21, 1888 near the Kansas line in Brown county, on a farm six miles south of Salem, Nebraska. Here he lived during his childhood days. Richard attended the country school and completing the work there, came to this city, about a year ago, and attended the business college for that term. In the summer of 1906 he accepted a position at Omaha. It was while working there that he contracted typhoid pneumonia, returning to his home near this city on the twentieth of November. For a short time he rallied under the excellent care he received, and it was thought that his recovery would only be a matter of a few weeks. However near the end of December he grew worse rapidly, and the end seemed very near. About the eleventh of January he rallied and loving watchers took the omen favorably but it was only as the bright flare of a candle flame before the draught extinguishes its light, and Richard Baker passed away, January 17, 1907.

Dick, as he was known to his friends and associates, was of a very quiet nature, and had many friends in this city and near his country home, who will mourn for him.

Funeral services were held from the Salem church, Saturday, January 19th, and was conducted by Rev. Teeter of the Brethren church of this city.

Interment took place in the Salem cemetery.

## Mrs. A. J. Weaver Dead.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Arthur Weaver reached this city Thursday morning. Mrs. Weaver has been ill for many months. Everything that human aid could devise has been expended in an effort to restore her health. Her illness first manifested itself while she and her husband were living in Tacoma, Wash., last summer. From there she was taken to the Battle Creek sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., and placed under the charge of an eminent specialist. It has been known for some time that an operation was imperatively necessary, and an effort was made to build up her strength for the ordeal. Her death occurred about 2 o'clock Thursday morning at Battle Creek following an operation.

Mrs. Weaver was the wife of A. J. Weaver and the daughter of J. J. Morris and wife.

To the young husband and the bereaved parents the sympathy of our people goes out. The tenderness and delicacy with which she has been guarded and watched by her loved ones during the weary months of her illness has been a subject of favorable comment among our people. But all of hopes and struggles were unavailing. Out on the plains of life love and duty were calling her, but the voice of the father was stronger as out of the darkness it came telling that the night was here and that it was time to go home.

## A Shocking Accident.

One of the most frightful occurrences of recent years was the fire which destroyed the home of M. A. Frank, in the north part of the city Wednesday morning and in which M. A. Frank, one of our oldest and most respected citizens nearly lost his life.

Mr. Schmidt, a local butcher, was driving to his slaughter house west of town, about nine o'clock, Wednesday morning when he noticed smoke escaping through the shingles of the Frank house. He immediately hurried to the house supposing it was a smoldering fire and that the occupants of the house were not aware of its existence. He tried to get in the east door but found it locked; he then ran to the west door and, upon opening it, discovered that the room was in flames and full of smoke. He called but received no answer. Upon calling again he heard some one groan. Shutting his eyes he rushed into the room and discovered Mr. Frank lying on the floor near the west door. An effort was made to pick him up but his weight was too great. By this time Mr. Schmidt was nearly overcome with the intense heat and was compelled to rush out of doors for a breath of air. By this time Tommy Frank, who had been out at the barn came running up and the two again entered the blazing room and succeeded in rescuing Mr. Frank. Both Tommy and Mr. Schmidt were badly scorched by the heat, especially the former whose eyebrows and lashes were burned off and whose face was badly seared. Mr. Frank was unconscious when rescued and his face badly burnt. A physician was immediately called and treated the unfortunate victim and at this writing (Thursday morning) he is resting as comfortably as possible, though the hopes of recovery are not very good.

The original of the fire is a matter of conjecture. Mrs. Frank was at a neighbors and Tommy was in the barn lot. The old gentleman is very old and feeble and has been unable to walk for some time. When last seen he was sitting in the bay window in the south room smoking, and it is supposed that the lace curtains caught fire from his pipe or from a match that he lighted. Being too feeble to walk, he probably crawled as far as the door when overcome with the intense heat and from his terrible burns he became unconscious.

The bravery and courage of Mr. Schmidt and Tommy in rushing into the blazing room time after time and risking their lives in their efforts to rescue the poor old man imprisoned in a sheet of flame is deserving of the highest commendation and is the subject of favorable comment among all our people.

The entire community sympathizes with the family in their loss and especially with Mr. Frank in his terrible suffering.

It is understood that ample insurance was carried on the house and furniture, all of which was a total loss.

## SALT.

Car load of Crushed Rock and Lump Rock salt coming; will make low price in Bulk at car.

O. P. Heck.

The Elks put in a billiard table, so did the Odd Fellows. The Elks gave a big dancing party, so did the Odd Fellows. There seems to be more or less rivalry between these two institutions in the struggle for supremacy. If you doubt this look at the vote in the library contest