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Annual Field Meet.

At the annual field meet of the Richardson County High Schools held at Humboldt Saturday May 4th, the Falls City High School made a record of which they are very proud. The number of points made were: Falls City 64, Humboldt 29½, Dawson 4½.

Owing to some statutes enacted four years ago Falls City does not get the credit due them owing to the fact that Humboldt held first place three years, consequently holds the honors for the fourth year. The boys feel pretty bad about it because last year they were not credited with all the points they made which would have given them first place.

However the score this year does them proud and shows the time and hard work they have put in and leaves a record yet to be equaled.

The record for the eleven events is as follows:

100 yard dash—1st, Dreibeibies, Humboldt; 2nd, Freeman, Humboldt; 3rd, Shock, Falls City. Time, 10:1-5 seconds.

440 yard run—1st, Falloon, Falls City; 2nd, Rodewald, Falls City; 3rd, Dreibeibies, Humboldt. Time, 56:4-5 seconds.

Running broad jump—1st, Shock, Falls City; 2nd, McDowell, Falls City; 3rd, Boyd, Humboldt. Distance 19 feet, 4 inches.

1 mile run—1st, Yoder, Falls City; 2nd, Falloon, Falls City; 3rd, Stout, Humboldt. Time 5 minutes, 25 seconds.

Running high jump—1st, Shock, Falls City; 2nd, Beiden, Dawson; 3rd, Miller, Dawson. Height, 5 feet 2 inches.

220 yard run—1st, Dreibeibies, Humboldt; 2nd, Shock, Falls City; 3rd, Freeman, Humboldt. Time, 25:3-5 seconds.

Shot put—1st, Rodewald, Falls City; 2nd, C. James, Humboldt; 3rd, T. James, Humboldt. Distance, 40 feet 11 inches.

880 yard run—1st, Yoder, Falls City; 2nd, Falloon, Falls City; 3rd, Shaffer, Humboldt. Time 2 minutes 23:3-5 seconds.

Pole vault—1st, Falloon, Falls City; 2nd, Reid, Humboldt; 3rd, Hummel, Dawson, and Rist, Humboldt, tie. Height, 9 feet.

Hammer throw—1st, Rodewald, Falls City; 2nd, Yoder, Falls City; 3rd, T. James, Humboldt. Distance 127 feet.

Relay (one-half mile) race—1st, Falls City; 2nd, Humboldt. Time: 1 minute 38 seconds.

Total points—Falls City, 64; Humboldt, 29:1-2; Dawson, 4:1-2.

Referee, R. L. Hoff.

Judges at finish, R. R. Hill; E. L. Tobie; T. Waggener.

Time keeper, T. J. Oliver.

Starters, Prof. E. G. Spencer and Frank Nietzel clerk and Scorer W. James.

The district field meet will be held at Auburn Saturday and our schools will be represented.

The Influence of a good Example.

Just as an example of the good influence of well kept premises look at the homes and lawns on South Chase street at the west of the Missouri Pacific hill. Time was when this part of town was perfectly disreputable in appearance.

Then Mr. Sandusky built his pretty little home down there. He and Mrs. Sandusky have all the love of southerners for flowers and well kept lawns and their home has always been a delight to the passer by.

Then Harvey Wahl moved down there and maintained a lawn that was town talk, and so the influence of a good example has gone on and on until the west of the Missouri Pacific hill contains the prettiest and best kept yards in Falls City.

There is a lesson in all this that should encourage every property owners to do his part towards making Falls City the pretty town its location merits.

Fred Frey sr. who has been in poor health for some time suffered a stroke of paralysis Thursday morning and is in a very serious condition at this time. His life is despaired of.

Hon. John M. Brockman Dead.

Died, at his home in our city at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning, John M. Brockman, aged sixty-five years. When this paper last came to you the deceased was upon our streets greeting his friends with a happy "Good Morning." Today all that was martial of our friends and townsman, is at peaceful rest in our silent city of the dead. Friday morning Mr. Brockman was stricken with apoplexy, dying the following morning, but retaining consciousness to the last, although fully aware that his life was near its close, manifested no dread, but bravely awaited the termination of the struggle. A few hours before his death he called the various members of the family to his bed-side and talked with them of the past, present and future, and bade them put firm, trust in the Lord.

The deceased was a public spirited man of generous impulses, and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneer. His cheerful, helpful life, his devotion to his wife and family, and kindness to everybody, will long linger as a fragrant memory in the home, which his presence brightened and which death has now darkened.

John M. Brockman was born in Morgan county, Illinois, August 20, 1841. Here he grew to manhood, teaching school for a number of years, until the out-break of the Civil war, when he came to Nebraska and enlisted in the First Nebraska regiment at Brownville. This company was later united with the Fifth Iowa cavalry, under the latter name. He served for a period of three years and three months, a part of this time as orderly for Gen. Lew Wallace. After the war he returned to Illinois and again engaged as a teacher. Soon after his marriage to Miss Addie Mitchell in 1867, he came to Humboldt, Nebraska, engaging in the grain business for a number of years, later settling on a farm near Stella, which was his home until last fall, when he and his family removed to this city.

Mr. Brockman has been identified with the enterests of Richardson county for many years, and was never found shirking any responsibility or in any way retarding those things which tend to make a happy and prosperous community.

His first political office was an appointment as register of Porter precinct, later serving as assessor. He was a member of the county board from 1886 to 1889, and was also elected as representative from this district to the state legislature in 1893, and re-elected in 1895.

His life's work closed May 4th, 1907.

The deceased leaves a wife, a daughter, Mrs. A. B. Cornelius and a son, Ross Brockman, both residents of this vicinity. Three children preceded him to that home above.

A brief funeral service was held from the home at 11:30 o'clock Monday morning, conducted by Rev. Bert Wilson. The attendance was large, attesting to the popularity of the departed. The local G. A. R., of which he was a member attended in a body.

Interment was in the Prospect cemetery, northeast of town.—Humboldt Standard.

Ike Beaulieu has gone to Kansas for a few days visit Wednesday.

Society News.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wess Nedrow living three miles north of town were the victims of a clever surprise planned by a number of their friends. About thirty of their friends met close by and proceeded to the house taking them completely by surprise. The evening was devoted to games and music and a spirit of fun and pleasure prevailed. The company had prepared a splendid supper of two courses which proved one of the main attractions of the evening. At a very late hour the guests departed for their homes, loud in their praises of the good time afforded them.

The social at the Christian church will be held Tuesday, May 28th instead of June 6th as originally intended.

Kaffee Klantch met Friday of last week with Miss Slocum. A dozen members of the club were present and the time was devoted to needle work and visiting. At six o'clock Miss Slocum served a delicious supper. Those present report a very pleasant afternoon.

The Presbyterian Kensington met Thursday of last week with Mrs. Bohrer. A large crowd was in attendance and a good sum was added to the church treasury.

On Tuesday, May 14, the Knights and Ladies of Security, No. 1312, will hold a banquet in their lodge rooms. The lodge has secured nearly sixty new members in the past three months and the banquet is given in their honor.

H. G. Warner, national medical director, will be present.

Fifty new members entitles the order to a place in the roll of honor and also \$50 in cash as a prize.

The lodge is proud of its success in securing so many more than the required number and it is likely the showing will be still better by the time of the celebration. A royal good time is looked forward to.

Fourteen of the gentleman friends of T. J. Gist surprised him by taking a birthday dinner at his home last Thursday evening. Mrs. Gist had arranged the surprise and the look on Tom's face as the invaders filed in attested the complete success of Mrs. Gist's efforts. An elegant dinner of six courses was served in the usual finished manner for which the hostess is noted.

The ladies of the Methodist Church gave one of their customary good suppers at the church last Thursday evening. The crowd in attendance was large and the receipts about \$20.

The Tournament whist club met with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reavis last week. Mr. Sandusky was the guest of honor and showed his appreciation by coming out a good second to the evening's winners who proved to be Mrs. James Pickett and C. F. Reavis.

On last Tuesday evening Mrs. J. R. Wilhite entertained the Tennessee whist club in honor of Mr. Wilhite's cousin, Mrs. Wadhams, of Lincoln. Six tables were played and the scores ran high, but not higher, some of the guests say, than the score some of the gentlemen made eating sandwiches.

Mrs. Wilhite assisted by her daughter, Sallie, and Avis Wadhams, served very substantial refreshments which were done ample justice by the guests. A jolly good time is reported by those present.

The Needle club met with Mrs. Bachstein on Wednesday and spent the afternoon sewing, after which elegant refreshments were served.

The M. E. Kensington was delightfully entertained at the home of Misses Mattie and Stella Schock on Wednesday of this week. The young ladies were assisted by Misses Naylor, Beck and Lyford. An unusually large crowd was in attendance and all enjoyed the afternoon thoroughly. Elegant refreshments consisting of all the delicacies of the season were served.

Wednesday May 8th, Sorisis met at the residence of Mrs. Wilson Korner. Almost the entire club were present and responded to roll call with some current event.

Interesting reports of the first district convention held at Lincoln were given by the delegates, Mesdames Himmelrich and Banks.

The line of work for 1907-1908 was discussed and program committee appointed.

A synopsis of one of the later novels, "The Dream and Business" was given by Mesdames Jennings and Banks.

After the usual social half hour during which the hostess was assisted in serving excellent refreshments by Mrs. Holland and her charming little daughter, the club adjourned to meet May 22, with Mrs. Gilligan.

Knights & Ladies of Security Entertain.

On last Tuesday evening Salem Council No. 150 K. & L. of S. gave a reception to a class of more than thirty candidates which they had recently adopted into the order. The invited guests other than their own members and family, were Councils Nos. 610 and 1312, of Falls City and No. 197 from Dawson. There were about sixty-five Ladies and Sir Knights from Falls City also quite a representation of the Council from Dawson.

The following program was rendered in the opera house.

Band
Welcome address.—Geo. W. Sheely
Vocal solo—"Oh, promise me"—Mrs. Ed. May.

Knights & Ladies of Security—J. E. Harrison.
Vocal solo—"For You"—Mrs. Roy Daggett.

The three letters, or Nora Carson's mistake—Miss Meredith and others.
Recitation—"Children of France"—Helen Sheely.

Band
Fancy drill—No. 1312 Degree team.

This concluded the program in the opera house. The program was entertaining, throughout and highly creditable to the Salem Council.

At the conclusion of the program the chairman announced that the visiting members and band would repair to the K. & L. of S. Council hall. The request was complied with promptly and they were soon ushered into the dining hall which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The menu was elaborate and in full accord with Salem's well known reputation for hospitality. All the visiting members expressed themselves as being highly pleased and one and all declared Salem Council No. 150 K. & L. of S. charming entertainers.

Richardson Council No. 1312, through their president, Henry Sanford, extended Salem Council an invitation to be their guests at a banquet given by them on next Tuesday evening May 14th, which invitation was accepted and a goodly number promised to be present.

Mrs. Will Tiehen of Salem was shopping in our city Thursday.

Suicide on Train.

A gruesome tragedy occurred on the west bound Burlington train Tuesday between here and Rulo. A man retired to the toilet before the train crossed the river at Rulo, and when the station was passed the conductor tried the door and found it locked. Upon unlocking it he saw the man, apparently dead, sitting there, leaning slightly forward. He immediately locked the door and told the brakeman what had occurred, George Grinstead heard the conversation and climbed up to look over the transom; he saw the man move and called the conductor to see what could be done to save him, but life was entirely gone before he could be taken from the toilet room.

Three gashes had been made with a pen knife, one on the left wrist, one on the left side of the neck which was no more than a scratch and the last which cut the wind pipe and jugular vein.

There was not a paper nor a mark on his clothing to give the least clew to his identity. He was about thirty years of age. The letters "A. B." were made on the inside of his coat pocket, upside down, and with lead pencil, which hardly indicates a trade stamp.

He had a ticket from Kansas City to Denver, Col., and a little over \$133 in cash. He was well dressed. His coat and hat he had left in the seat he had occupied. The suit was new, and the shirt had never been laundered and there was not a distinguishing mark to be found. The supposition is that in crossing the Missouri River at Rulo he might have thrown anything that would have led to identification into the river.

The body was brought from the station to Reavis & Abbey's undertaking establishment where an inquest was held and a photograph taken. Wednesday Dr. Reneker and Ward Knight went to Kansas City with the photograph and a description of the man to see if any clew as to his identity could be found and if so what motive if any prompted such a deed. At this time nothing further has been learned.

The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury returned at the inquest held by Dr. Reneker:

The State of Nebraska }
Richardson County } ss

At an inquisition holden at Reavis & Abbey, Falls City, in Richardson county, on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1907, before me, Dr. Geo. W. Reneker, coroner of said county, upon the body of unknown man lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that this unknown man came to his death by his own hand, on Burlington train No. 15. No evidence of foul play.

JOHN HINTON
C. H. MARION
E. REAVIS
DR. H. T. HAIN
WM. LANDRIGAN
I. L. HEASTON

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: DR. GEO. W. RENEKER,
Coroner.

Later—Word was received Thursday morning by Dr. Reneker from Richard Garvey of Kansas City, that the young man had been located in Chicago, but no name or occupation was given.

Painful Accident.

Mrs. Davies met with a very painful accident Monday. She stepped on a needle which broke off in her foot. It has been impossible up to this time to remove the broken piece and Mrs. Davies is compelled to go about on crutches. Everything possible is being done and is hoped to locate the needle soon.

Commercial Club Reorganized.

On Tuesday evening of this week the Commercial Club gave a smoker in parlors of the K. of P. hall, the purpose of which was to reorganize the club and put it upon a more substantial basis. It was proposed to reorganize and incorporate and the idea met with the hearty concurrence of most of the members present. During the evening there were a number of enthusiastic speeches by various members present which showed the spirit and enthusiasm with which the proposition was accepted and the intense interest felt in the needs of our city at the present time and for the future.

It was proposed to incorporate the club with a capital of \$25,000. During the evening two hundred shares were sold at \$25 per share. Five hundred shares will be sold before the organization is completed. The rate is \$25 per share, 20 per cent of which is payable annually, the first of June. This puts the organization on a cash basis and gives them the means to meet some of the good propositions that come to the club.

From among the 125 members men present the following nine representative business men were chosen to constitute a board of directors:

From this board of directors the presiding officers will be chosen.

W. A. Greenwald, L. P. Wirth,
E. H. Towle, J. L. Slocum,
V. G. Lyford, A. Graham,
J. W. Powell, W. W. Jenne,

A. J. Weaver

The club has a number of splendid propositions from business industries that want to come to our city, and it hoped that the citizens will all join with them, lend a helping hand and together work for the best interests of our city.

The reorganization of the club on the present lines is due to the efforts of W. A. Greenwald, who for the past year has worked incessantly and with untiring energy to get the club in good condition so they would be able to work together systematically and get results, such as will be a credit to our city and the community at large.

After the business of the evening a supper was served by I. N. Lyons.

Council Proceedings.

The city council met in regular session Monday, in the council chamber and the regular business was taken up. After the claims were issued they proceeded to reorganize the council.

Hutchins and McKeiver of the old council were retired and Hall and Whitaker, the new members, were sworn in.

After reorganization the new council proceeded to grant the licenses of the six saloons whose petitions were accepted.

After the licenses had been granted remonstrances were filed by Messrs. Edgar, Long and Roe.

There was some lively discussion for a few minutes and then council adjourned to meet Tuesday at 11 a. m., to give both sides time to look up the legal bearings of the question.

When the council convened Tuesday morning it was found that the law under which the remonstrance was filed did not go into affect until July 15th, and the remonstrances were with drawn. The six saloon licenses were then granted and the council adjourned.