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### The Sound of a Voice That is Still

The ghostly fingers of the rain and sleet were tapping on the windows; the lights of the village flashed and were gone as the train sped into the darkness and the night; the sleepy passengers drowsed uncomfortably; the wheels clicked a dreary monotony on the rails which sung itself into the rhyme—"A voice that is still—that is still—that is still."

I had heard over the wire that a little boy at home, a very little boy in fact, was dead. The fever had been upon him for weeks and he had struggled for life so wonderfully that those who watched forgot that he was a little boy, a very little boy. The brave heart had throbbed to the point of bursting until those who loved him alternated between hope and despair. But there came a time when he could endure no more, when the heat of fever left him and the flushed face went ashen white, for then it was that the "finger of God touched him and he slept."

John Dalbey Crook, who lived two years and a half, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Crook, in this city, on Monday morning, February 24th, 1908. The span of his life was short, but long enough to permit him to do his work, to accomplish the purpose of his creation. It matters little whether one lives three score and ten years or lives but two years and a half, the good God has set for each a set task and in his wisdom waits until the task has been prepared—then comes the night and the darkness.

This baby boy was a remarkable child. There was that about him that was different but indescribable. There was in his eyes a shadow that inspired the question: "What is the child thinking of?" He loved company—all children do—but at times not even his little sister "Conny" was his companion, when the spirit of prophecy seemed brooding over the form of an infant. I wonder, now that I see more clearly, if in such moments he did not hear the wash of the waters on the other shore and over all there did not come to him the gentle voice saying, "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

I knew this little boy in his sweet endearing ways. I knew him as he seemed to see and know of things that were denied to those about him. I had heard his childish prattle in which he always used his letter "H" wrong. I remember when his father returned from a long journey that he had said, "papa will stay wif me now." And so, when after a long day's work, the word came to me that he was dead, and I was on my way home, and the rain and the sleet tapped drearily on the windows, that the wheels on the rails chicked and sung of a voice that is still—that is still—that is still.

### A Substantial Institution.

Not many years ago an institution known as the Farmer's State Bank was launched in the little village of Preston, by a few enterprising gentlemen, even against, as the majority thought, the good advice of older heads. The business however has grown until now it is one of the best and most substantial of its kind in this section, and a few weeks ago, right in the midst of the financial flurry, a meeting of the stockholders was called and it was decided to double the capital stock. This is a fine showing and the gentlemen are to be congratulated upon the fine business success they have made.

### Basket Ball Game

The last basket ball game of the season was played at the high school "gym" Friday evening between the local girls and the team from the Peru normal. The home team won by a score of 27 to 19 and to say the large crowd present was delighted but faintly expresses the enthusiasm with which the score was received.

The girls of the local high school are not quitters. They started the season by being "easy marks" for every team they played. Perseverance and hard work have accomplished wonders, however, and Friday night they beat the team that has triumphed over every other girl team in the country including the famous team from the Wesleyan university of Lincoln.

It is hard to pick the member who did the best Friday night. Maud Davis was every where and always to good advantage. Lillie Voegline, despite her dignity, showed the Peru goal thrower up, and Lucille Leyda, an eight grade youngster, had the crowd yelling half the time. It didn't make much difference whether it was scientific team play or just "rough house" Lucille was always "Johnny on the spot" and always doing business in a way that made partial maniacs out of the gang of rooters on the stage and in the galleries.

The victory was a fitting close for the season and is an indication of what may be expected of our girls next year.

### Council Let Contract

As stated in last week's Tribune the mayor appointed G. L. Windle, George Fallstead, French McDonald, John A. Crook and War Hutchings to compose a committee to investigate the various bids of dealers in electric light machinery.

After spending the best part of a week considering the different propositions the committee, on Monday evening, recommended that in their estimation Jos. A. Bortenlanger of Omaha had made the best bid. The bid calls for a Warren generator and an Erie engine and boiler—the complete outfit, all set up and in first class running order to cost \$10,600.

After listening to several kicks from a few citizens the council deliberated a short time and then decided that Falls City had waited long enough for good lights and they accepted the above named bid.

The successful bidder has entered into a contract with the city to have the plant in running order in four months. The machinery will be installed upon any site the city might name.

### Tecumseh Wins Again.

A few of our bowlers went to Tecumseh last Saturday to bowl a return game with the team at that place, but if all reports are true, it was an off night for our boys, as they did not make a very favorable showing. They say, however, that they did not mind the defeat so much, as the Tecumseh boys treated them so nicely as to make them forget for the time, that they wasn't in the game.

### A Case of Smallpox.

On Thursday evening what proved to be a case of smallpox developed in the Konobe family. A son, Will Konobe, who had been working in Atchison, came home Wednesday and the next day was taken ill. A physician was called and found it a fully developed case of smallpox. The family was quarantined at once and no spread of the disease is apprehended. The present case is in very light form.

### The Benefit Concert

The high class concert given in the First M. E. church last Thursday night for the building fund of the new Presbyterian church was a decided success, and incidentally, a great surprise to some of our townspeople. The large audience which had gathered was in a state of uncertainty for the most part, wondering whether the Falls City orchestra would or could make good when it was so extensively advertised, and the charge for admission was set at 50c. At the close of the splendidly rendered program, doubts had vanished, and not only had the orchestra made good, but everybody seems delighted with the talent of our city. Where everybody did so well, it would be invidious to make particular comment on the program. The general consensus of opinion was that we had been favored with a rare musical treat, and that in one of our own churches, by our own citizens. Doubtless the fact that the money was for one of our churches induced many to go, but in the future, it is the guess of this paper that our people will attend any event promised by the orchestra, and do so with assurance that a pleasant and profitable evening is assured them. It is hinted that the promoters are contemplating a concert of vocal and less instrumental music, with other numbers that will give greater variety, such concert to be presented in the near future. In the absence of a clean lecture course in the city, let us have such concerts, they entertain us, and also help a good cause.

The pastor, with his official board of the First Presbyterian church desires to take this method of expressing their appreciation of the public spirit of the people of Falls City in supporting the Falls City orchestra by attending the benefit concert in the M. E. church last week.

The very kind and generous expressions made to us by various people lead us to think that our canvass for assistance in building our much needed new church structure will receive a liberal response from the residents of our city.

For the regular maintenance of the institutions of the church we are responsible, and can carry such duty, but we feel that many of our people in the city would really be glad and willing to help us erect such a sanctuary as will be a comfort to the church, and also an ornament to our city for all time to come.

With due regard to efficiency, and good judgment, we are hastening our preparations for the canvass of the city, which will be made by the men of our church and accomplished in a business and systematic way.

Just as soon as the matter of a proper location for the building has been secured and settled, then the solicitation will begin. With thanks for past favors, and anticipating your continued kindly help in this new and greatest undertaking in our history, we are, as ever, most cordially yours, the building committee.

R. COOPER BAILEY, Chm.

### Marriage License

- George Arnold, Falls City...23
- Emma Kart, Falls City...21
- Arthur Proyo, Reserve, Kas...21
- Rebecca Hale, Reserve, Kas...18
- John Kentopp, Verdon...22
- Anna Yole, Verdon...20
- Robert Kanaly, Falls City...31
- Angela Tiehen, Dawson...24
- Lawrence Long, Falls City...24
- Bertha Arbuster, Verdon...20
- John Freas, Rulo...23
- Helena Haunhs, Rulo...21

### Married

KANALY-TIEHEN,

One of the prettiest weddings ever solemnized in this vicinity, was that at St. Mary's Catholic church at Dawson, on Tuesday of this week, when Miss Angela Tiehen of that place, and Robert Kanaly of this city, in the presence of a few friends and relatives, plighted their troth. Father Lohren assisted by Father Kelley of Indianola, performed the ceremony.

Promptly at 9 o'clock, to the soft strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Mame Riley, the bridal party entered the church, led by little Jerometta Kelley of this city, who acted as flower girl, carrying a huge bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. Attached to her by white ribbons came the little sister of the bride, Katie Tiehen, carrying the wedding ring embedded in a beautiful calla lily. Both little tots were visions in pure white. The bridesmaid, Miss Minnie Tiehen, wore a beautiful blue silk and large picture hat and carried pink roses. The bride, supported by her brother, Ambrose, looked most beautiful in a gown of tan silk, picture hat and an abundance of bride's roses. The groom attended by his brother, John, met the bridal party at the altar, where the solemn vows were taken.

Immediately after the ceremony the oridal party with a few friends, went to the home of the bride's parents, where an elegant 8-course dinner was served.

The house had been converted into a veritable bower of roses and other cut flowers. In the parlors were used American Beauty roses, ferns and palms, while the dining room was a thing of beauty in lilies and ferns. It is impossible to do justice to the affair, but suffice it to say it was a typical wedding.

The happy couple left immediately on a short wedding trip and will be at home in this city after April 1st.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Tiehen of Dawson, is a beautiful and accomplished young lady and numbers her friends by the score.

As to the groom, we all know Bob, and know that he is one of the best fellows in the land. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kanaly of this city, and is possessed of all those traits that go to make a real man.

We welcome them in our midst and join with their many friends in extending congratulations.

### Business to Change Hands.

The Electric Theatre is to change hands in this city next week, but just for Monday night, as on that evening Messrs. Bower & Waller will turn the business over to the young ladies of the Episcopal church, who will manage the same, the proceeds to go into their treasury to be used in paying a small debt on the rectory.

This is a commendable act on the part of Messrs. Bower & Waller, and it is hoped everybody will turn our and help the young ladies in their efforts.

### Broke Her Arm.

Eveline, the little daughter of T. O'Gorman, manager of the Matthews store, fell off the counter Wednesday, breaking a bone in the left fore arm. While the injury is very painful to the little one, she will soon be herself again.

### Died

CROOK

John Dalbey, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crook died in this city Monday, Feb. 24, 1908, aged 2 years, 6 months and 2 days.

This was the sad news which brought sorrow to so many of our people on Monday morning. Not sorrow for the little one who had gone to his rest, after such a long hard battle, but for the loving parents left behind, who had hoped against hope through it all, but now were forced to submit to the will of the All Wise, and return to the One who gave it the son on whom they have lavished so much affection, and for whom they had planned such a bright future. Their grief can be realized only by those who have passed through a like experience, and time alone can lessen the pangs of sorrow which they are now experiencing.

Little Johnnie was taken ill about four weeks ago, and from the first it was apparent that more than the ordinary skill would be required to save him. All that it was possible for mortal man to do was done, but to no avail.

It is hard to understand why it is for the best, but the loved ones have for their assurance that this is not the end, but the beginning of a better and purer life, where there will be a meeting of loved ones.

The funeral was conducted from the family residence Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, by Rev. Neide of St. Thomas church, assisted by Rev. Mastin. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, given as silent tokens of love and pity felt by the many friends.

Interment was in the Steele cemetery.

### Dan Sullivan Shot

Word was received in this city last Friday that Dan Sullivan had been shot at Artesia, N. M., on that day.

The injured man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murty Sullivan of this city, and has been agent for New Mexico land for some time, taking several land seeking parties to that section.

The trouble which resulted in his injury grew out of a controversy over commission due him from the sale of land, and which he was trying to collect. The assailant firing three shots at Dan, two taking effect, one in the right side of the face and the other in the right shoulder. The wounded man was taken to Roswell and placed in a hospital. We understand that the right eye was removed and it is feared the arm cannot be saved.

These are the facts as near as we have been able to get them. At this writing (Wednesday) the injured man is considered to be in a dangerous condition.

Dan has many friends here, all of whom are very anxious about him, and sincerely hope his condition is not as bad as reported.

### A Vivid Imagination

In the account of the council meeting held Monday night of last week, the Journal, in speaking of the electric light proceedings, says a new boiler, engine and dynamo were purchased, when the fact of the matter is no bids were let.

We realize that a strong imagination is one of the essentials of the newspaper business, but the above is beyond us.

MORAL—Subscribe for the Tribune and get all the news and get it straight.

Dr. Ed Hays of Dawson was in the city Sunday.

### Society News.

Sorosos met Wednesday with Mrs. A. E. Hill. An excellent paper, "Needs of Our City and What Shall We do to Meet Them," was ably discussed by Mrs. Frances Morris. All agreed that what the city needs is officials with courage to enforce the law. An excellent paper on "William Vaughn Moody—with a critique on the Fire Bringer," was ably handled by Mrs. T. J. Gist. Mrs. Banks gave a short sketch of the man, Mr. Moody, and what prompted him to write "The Fire Bringer" and the "Masque of Judgment."

During the social half hour excellent refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Ewalt.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Jussen, March 11.

Mrs. J. S. Jobe and daughter invited about forty friends to their home Friday evening to assist in impressing upon her husband the fact that he had reached another mile stone in his life. It was a complete surprise as well as a pleasant one. After a time devoted to music and games a fine lunch was served. Mr. Jobe received a number of useful and valuable gifts.

Mrs. Rev. Manshardt was the victim of a very pleasant surprise Thursday afternoon, when the members of the W. M. S. of the German Evangelical church called and took possession of her home. The guests were armed with well filled baskets and an elegant lunch was served. A splendid time was had and just before departing the guests presented the hostess with many pretty gifts.

The regular monthly social meeting of the St. Agnes Guild was held Monday evening with Mrs. Morsman as hostess. Despite the bad weather, nearly all the members were present and a fine time was the result. The program consisted of various games and music, and at an appropriate hour a splendid lunch was served.

The last meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held with Mrs. Graham. A Frances E. Willard program proved very interesting, bringing out the amount of good done by that saintly woman in her chosen work. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. H. C. Davis next Wednesday at 3 p. m.

The members of the German society had a very pleasant dance at their hall Monday evening. It was a masquerade and furnished great amusement to those present. Refreshments were served and the evening proved one of the most enjoyable of the season.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will serve a 15c tea at the home of Major Keeling on Shrove Tuesday, March 3, from 5 to 8 o'clock. Everybody invited. Remember you can get all you want to eat for 15 cents, and a good time thrown in.

Miss Slocum was hostess to the Kaffee Klautch girls Tuesday afternoon. Look up the meaning of the club name and you can imagine the pleasures of this session.

There will be a 6 o'clock supper served by the W. R. C. in their hall Monday, March 2. Everybody invited, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the W. R. C.

Mrs. O. Schoenheit entertained a few friends at a neighborhood whist party Saturday evening.